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"Married With Children" began its long run a favorite situation comedy 11 seasons ago. The show ran its last episode on May 5, 1997. Goodbye to Al, Peg, Bud, Kelly and Buck.

Battling nausea, stinging jellyfish, high seas and hallucinations. Susie Maroney, age 22, swam 118 miles from Cuba to Florida on May 13, 1997. Her swim took 24-1/2 hours inside a 28-by-8-foot shark-proof cage. Maroney has been swimming long-distance since she was 14 and has crossed the English Channel twice.

On May 18, 1997, John Goodman joined the other stars and famous people as one of six inductees on the St. Louis Walk of Fame. The others include Thomas Eagleton, Dizzy Dean, Branch Rickey and Dred and Harriet Scott. They will each have a star and plaque on the outdoor walk in University City. Mr. Goodman's star will be by Blueberry Hill.

The eight-year-old television series "Coach" ran its final yard with a special double episode in May 1997.

On May 18, 1997, Pope John Paul II celebrated the 77th anniversary of his birth with an outside Mass in Rome.

The last episode of the television show "Rosanne" was on May 20, 1997.

Marla Maples Trump and Donald Trump decided on a separation; eventually leading to divorce in May 1997.

The Motorola 300 race was the inaugural race at the Gateway International Raceway in Madison, Illinois. It was held on May 24, 1997. The ticket prices for adults were $36, $52 or $72.

Fashion designer Gianni Versace was killed outside his elegant Miami Beach home on July 15, 1997.

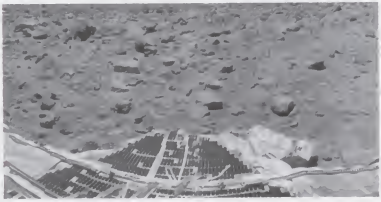
On September 7, 1997, the curtain rose, marking the 15th anniversary of the renaissance of the Fox Theatre. The Fox was built by movie tycoon William Fox at a then-staggering cost of $6 million. It opened in January 1929 with seating for 5,060, making it the second-largest theatre in the nation. The opening night's silent movie was "Street Angel" with Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell. The partners who gave a rebirth to this theatre are Leon & Mary Strauss, Robert J. Baundendistel and Harvey A. Harris.

Two-time Olympic medalist in short-track speed skating Nikki Ziegelmeyer crashed into a padded wall at the skating oval in Lake Placid, New York, on October 9, 1997, causing her to suffer a fractured vertebrae and severed bone fragments into her spine. "Just please let me be able to walk," she said after her six-hour operation four days later.

Planet Hollywood opened its doors from 5-10 p.m. on October 23, 1997 for a benefit to help Doorways and Our Little Haven — both cater to those living with HIV or AIDS. The next day participating guests attended a benefit for the St. Louis Film Festival. Admission for both nights was $20 per person.

"Wings Way" soars atop a 9-foot stainless steel pyramid at the entrance to the Industrial Training Center on the Granite City campus of Belleville Area College. Richard Hunt, artist, said the sculpture is symbolic of college student's upward movement. The official dedication was November 7, 1997.

A record blizzard blew through the Rockies and onto the Plains in late October 1997 and left as much as 50 inches of snow in the Colorado Rockies, 22 inches in parts of Denver and 35 inches in the city's suburbs. Snowdrifts were up to 15 feet high.



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On Sunday, October 26, 1997, Hillary Rodham Clinton celebrated her 50th birthday in Washington D.C. where her family and hundreds of close friends treated her to a party.

It was 20 years ago today (October 28, 1997) that Ray Hartmann began publication of the Riverfront Times. The RFT is no longer the scrappy underdog nipping at the heels of the establishment. It has become a part of the establishment, institutionalized as a kind of loyal opposition. That's not bad for being only 20 years old.

The stock market plunged 554 points (7.2 percent) on Monday, October 28, 1997. The New York Exchange closed early to halt the dive. It was the biggest sell-off in a decade as the Dow Jones took the nose dive. It was the worst percentage drop since October 26, 1987, but it was nowhere near the 22.6 percentage drop on Black Monday.

The red light goes on outside the building when the doughnuts are hot and ready. This has been the way Krispy Kreme Doughnuts has operated for years. The Southern favorite based in Winston-Salem, N.C., opened on October 7, 1997 at West Florissant Avenue and Pershall Road in Ferguson.

The SuperSonic Car driven by British driver Andy Green broke the sound barrier on his third run Monday, October 13, 1997. The seven-ton black car, driven by Andy Green, a Royal Air Force pilot, and powered by two Rolls Royce engines generated 100,000 horsepower, blazed across a 12-mile course at 764.168 and 760.135 on its last two passes.

Fifty years ago (October 14, 1947), Chuck Yeager, Air Force pilot eased into the little X-1 rocket plane known as the 'orange basket' and blasted toward the sound barrier. The race was on to go faster and faster.

The National League Championship series was between the Florida Marlins and the Atlanta Braves. The Marlins advanced to the World Series winning four games to Atlanta's two. The American League Championship games were between the Baltimore Orioles and the Cleveland Indians. Cleveland won in a four-two game series. The Florida Marlins took it all, winning the 1997 World Series with a score of 3-2 and put them all in seventh heaven.

Lawrence Phillips left the Rams Park on Wednesday, November 19, 1997. He never came back.

Granite City Police Officers Jeff Grote and Nick Huniak are the first members of the department's bicycle patrol. They began their routes in November 1997.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper took on a new look on November 3, 1997 to help increase circulation and make the paper easier to read and more attractive to view.

A tornado skipped through New Smyrna Beach, Florida on November 3, 1997 leaving 32 people injured and hundreds of beachside homes collapsed.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1997, the Cardinal baseball team owners decided to raise prices 15 percent. The team also took on a new look with new designs and logos for their uniforms.

Missouri casinos can now stay open 24 hours. These extended hours apply on weekends and holidays. The Missouri Gaming Commission decided this on Thursday, November 6, 1997.

The Library & Museum of former President George Bush opened on November 6, 1997 in College Station, Texas. The $80 million complex is located at Texas A & M University. President Clinton and former presidents Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter gathered to dedicate the George Bush Presidential Library & Museum.

On the fire's 5th anniversary, Windsor Castle is now restored. On Nov. 20, 1992, St. George Hall in Windsor Castle was a pile of charred rubble, one of more than 100 rooms destroyed by fire that burned 15 hours. Five years and millions of dollars later, it stands once again as a modern interpretation of Gothic style.

Gunmen slay more than 60 tourists in a massacre at the ancient Hatsheput Tempie in Luxor, Egypt. Only those lucky enough to be near the 3,400-year-old temple's sandstone columns managed to find shelter from the carnage. This happened on November 17, 1997.

Iowa woman gives birth to septuplets. With a team of 40 specialists at her side, Bobbi McCaughey delivered four boys and three girls. The babies were born November 19, 1997, two months early and delivered by Caesarean section. They weighed from 2 pounds, 5 ounces to 3 pounds, 4 ounces.

The new Walgreens store in Granite City officially opened its doors on Sunday, January 11, 1998.

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Rawlings came out with a new Radar Ball, which has a built-in microchip for measuring the speed of the ball. It was introduced in the newspaper by Rawlings marketing executive, Randy Black, on January 16, 1998.

Four months of flooding in Kenya, throughout the end of 1997 and January 1998, have killed at least 71 persons due to the swollen rivers and continuous rains. Hundreds more Kenyans, possibly as many as 700, have died from an outbreak of Rift Valley fever.

Super Bowl XXXII was held on January 25, 1998. The Green Bay Packers were defeated by the underdog Denver Broncos in a close and exciting 31-24 victory in the final minutes. John Elway led the offense along with MVP Terrell Davis. This was John Elway's fourth Super Bowl appearance and his first win.

Pope John Paul II made a historic five-day visit to Cuba on January 21-25, 1998. The 77-year old pontiff celebrated Mass for thousands of Cubans. In addition to meeting with several religious leaders, in his farewell appearance, he celebrated Mass for 250,000 people at Havana's Plaza of the Revolution and told Cubans, "The wealthy grow wealthier, while the poor grow ever poorer." After the Pope's visit, Cuba declared they would free dozens of prisoners in response to Vatican appeals, giving Pope John Paul II the first major concrete success of his historic pilgrimage to the Communist land.

The Kennedy family agreed to sell the Chicago landmark Merchandise Mart along with other properties to Vornado Realty Trust of Saddle Brook, New Jersey for $575 million. The total sales price including all properties and securities was $625 million. The Merchandise Mart is a 25-story building near the Chicago River. It is connected by underground railroad to the city's other important places of commerce. At 4.2 million square feet, the Mart is so large it has its own ZIP code.

Oprah Winfrey arrived at the federal courthouse in Amarillo, Texas the last week of January for her beef defamation trial. During one of her shows in 1996, a food safety activist said that the feeding of processed cattle parts back to cattle in this country could spread the human version of mad cow disease in the United States. Winfrey responded by swearing off hamburgers. Cattlemen said the program caused beef prices to fall to a 10-year low within a week. The cattlemen want $10.3 million plus.

On January 27, President Bill Clinton delivered his State of the Union address. He put aside his own political travails to challenge the nation to help him "shape this global economy, not shrink from it," while building "a government for the information Age."

The Austrian-born Porsche first conceived of the Volkswagen Beetle after World War I, but did not produce the first prototype until 1934, when Hitler championed the car's cheap and efficient design. By the mid-1950's, the Beetle was more than an economy car. It was a fashion statement and lifestyle choice wrapped in brightly painted sheet metal. It started losing its appeal in the early 1970's. Today only Mexican drivers can buy an original model Beetle from the local VW plant. Now, the Beetle is back. Volkswagen will deliver 50,000 Beetles to U.S. dealerships in the spring of 1998. The base price is about $15,200 and can rise to $20,000.

Karla Faye Tucker, the pick ax killer whose born-again Christianity sparked a worldwide debate over redemption and retribution on death row, was executed Tuesday, February 3, 1998, for hacking a man and woman to death in a break-in in 1983. Tucker, 38, was declared dead at 6:45 p.m., eight minutes after a mixture of chemicals was injected into her arm. The execution took place in Huntsville, Texas.

A cable car in Trento, Italy plummeted 650 feet when a low-level U.S. military plane sliced through the cable-car line, sending the gondola full of skiers crashing to the ground. A least 20 people inside the car died. It happened at 3:15 local time on February 3, 1998.

The big El Nino storm everyone feared finally arrived in the United States this year. It caused flooding throughout Florida, California and the Eastern coast. It was also responsible for tornadoes and drought in some sections of the country. Any type of serious weather condition that could not be explained and caused major damage was blamed on El Nino.

The 1998 Winter Olympics officially opened in Nagano, Japan on Friday, February 6, 1998. Events that are enjoying their first Olympics include snowboarding, curling and women's hockey. This is also the first year that professional hockey players are being allowed to participate in the Winter Games. The United States hockey team, containing stars such as Brett Hull, lost their opening game to Sweden 4 to 2. Jonny Moseley won the first Olympic medal for the U.S. in Men's Moguls Competition. The first controversy of the Winter Games was when Ross Rebagliati, from Canada, was stripped of his medal when he tested positive for marijuana. After Canada appealed the decision, the International Olympic Committee gave it back after determining the drug entered his blood stream through second hand smoke.

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On Tuesday, February 10, 1998, the Granite City High School wrestling team celebrated win number 1,000. This made GCHS the first school in the United States to have had this many wrestling victories.

Our local news network, Channel 5, celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The station's motto has been changed to "Celebrating fifty years with Channel 5 and you!"

Warner Brothers Studio turned 75 years this year. The trademark lion is now sporting a 75th anniversary banner.

Motown Records turned 40 years old this year. Motown stars include the Temptations, Diana Ross and the Supremes, Jackson Five, Smokey Robinson and Boyz 2 Men. As a tribute to this anniversary, the Super Bowl half time show was dedicated to the history and future of Motown.

The most expensive movie ever created, "Titanic", surpassed everyone's expectations, setting a record for weeks spent at the top of the box office. It beat the record previously held by "Tootsie" and "Beverly Hills Cop". It also tied the Academy Awards nomination record, receiving fourteen nominations. The director, James Cameron, had to cut out his own salary to finance the picture.

The hit show "Seinfeld" aired its final episode this season, bringing television's greatest dynasty to an end. Everyone said goodbye to the "Seinfeld" gang.

After 10 seasons, 18 Emmys and 245 episodes, the CBS series that intermingled laughter with a smart story line came to a close. The "Murphy Brown" finale starring Candice Bergen was May 15, 1998. Goodbye to Murphy, Corky Sherwood, Jim Dial and Frank Fontana.

Mary Kay Laterno was sent back to prison after failing to meet the terms of her parole by seeing the fourteen year old boy who fathered her child. Laterno, a thirty-four year old wife and mother of four and the boy met when she was his sixth grade teacher. When their affair was discovered, Laterno was sentenced to seven years in prison. She was released on parole after serving just over eighteen months. For violating the terms of the parole, Laterno was sent back to prison to serve the remaining time on her original sentence. After returning to prison, it was discovered she is pregnant. Again, the father is the young boy.

Once again President Bill Clinton has come face to face with a scandal. Kenneth Starr, a prosecutor appointed to investigate the President, released a statement that declared he had obtained tapes that outlined Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, a White House Intern. He also accused the President of obstructing justice by asking Lewinsky to lie about their alleged affair. Proceedings were halted when Lewinsky's lawyers tangled with Starr over full immunity from prosecution. The President refused to make a detailed statement about the accusations. The scandal did not affect the popularity of the President, his approval rating was higher than ever. Then, Kathleen Willey, another White House staff member, came forward with sexual allegations against the President. All allegations are still being investigated by Starr.

The 70th annual Academy Awards were held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Monday, March 23, 1998. With 11 wins, including Best Picture, "Titanic" sailed past a strong field of popular motion pictures. The win total tied the record set in 1959 by "Ben-Hur".

The Best Actress Academy Award went to Helen Hunt for "As Good As It Gets", Best Actor Jack Nicholson for "As Good As it Gets", Best Supporting Actress Kim Basinger for "L.A. Confidential", Best Supporting Actor Robin Williams for "Good Will Hunting", Best Director James Cameron for "Titanic" and Best Song "My Heart Will Go On", from "Titanic".

Howard Stern, the New York talk show host, started airing his syndicated radio program from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. weekdays on the St. Louis radio station WALC, Alice 104.1 FM, on March 23, 1998.

CHELSEA CLINTON

1. Mother Teresa was among the most well-known and highly respected women in the world in the later half to the twentieth century. In 1948 she founded a religious order of Roman Catholic nuns in Calcutta, India, called the Missionaries of Charity.

Through this order, she dedicated her life to helping the poor, the sick and the dying around the world, particularly in India. Her selfless work with the needy brought her much acclaim and many awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

She died at the age of 87 on September 5, 1997 of heart failure at her convent in Calcutta. She would have preferred a simpler passing, but thousands came to mourn her. "We're totally lost. We're orphaned. We don't know what to do," said Prescilla Lewis, spokeswomen for the Missionaries of Charity.

2. Britain and the world bid farewell to Diana, Princess of Wales, on a sparkling September morning with a grand tribute rich in pageantry. Since her death in a car crash in Paris a week before, the country had witnessed an astonishing outpouring of grief that forced a repentant monarchy to join in the kind of full celebration of Diana's life that the millions of people who flooded into London demanded. Her sons, William, 15, and Harry, 12, stood in attendance, joined by their father, Prince Charles and her brother, Earl Spencer, as her body was taken into Westminster Abby.

Millions packed the city for the funeral. It was a crowd unmatched since the end of World War II. More than a million bouquets were stacked outside the royal palaces.

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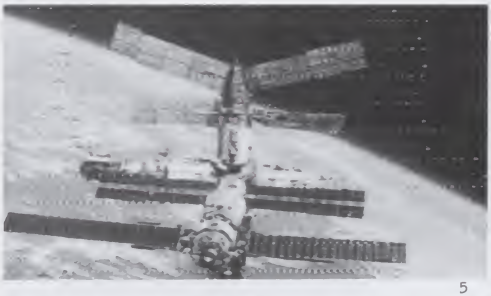

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1. President Bill Clinton was the first Democratic president in 60 years to be elected to a second term. A centrist New Democrat, he transformed his once troubled party. Under his presidency, the United States enjoyed the lowest rate of inflation since the early 1960s, and he was the first president in 17 years to submit a balanced budget to Congress. Al Gore is considered a very powerful vice president and is the president's closest adviser.

2. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton turned 50 on October 26, 1997.

3. John Denver, whose optimistic songs catapulated him to fame during the 1970's, died instantly when his experimental plane crashed into Monterey Bay in California on October 2, 1997. The 53-year old singer had eight platinum records to his credit. His trademark songs were "Rocky Mountain High" and "Sunshine on My Shoulders."

4. The light blue boathouse where Gianni Versace's alleged killer spent his last moments was destroyed, after Miami Beach condemned it as a sunken, unsalvageable ruin. A demolition crew took the boat apart and then took the pieces to the local dump. The boat was destroyed under a city contract following a court battle with its owner. German businessman Matthias Ruehl. Andrew Cunanan shot himself in the head on the upper floor of the houseboat on July 23, hiding out on the boat to avoid police after Versace was gunned down July 15 on the steps of his Miami Beach mansion.

5. The first component of the Mir space station was launched in 1986. Except for two brief gaps, the space station has been manned continuously ever since. It has made more than 60,000 trips around the Earth. In 1994 the U.S. and Russia agreed to conduct joint missions aboard the station. A docking module was attached to Mir, allowing American space shuttles to link up with the Russia station. The main Mir module has been orbiting for nearly 12 years. These joint U.S. - Russian missions are the first phase of a program to build an International Space Station. This station is scheduled to be in orbit by the year 2002.

6. Yasser Arafat was chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and president of the Palestinian National Authority. He was one of the key leaders in trying to maintain peace in the Middle East. His 1993 handshake of peace with Yitzhak Rabin promised mutual recognition between the Palestinians and the state of Israel. Under the agreement, Arafat assumed leadership of Arabs within Israel's occupied territories. The 68 year old leader played a very important role in keeping peace in the Middle East.

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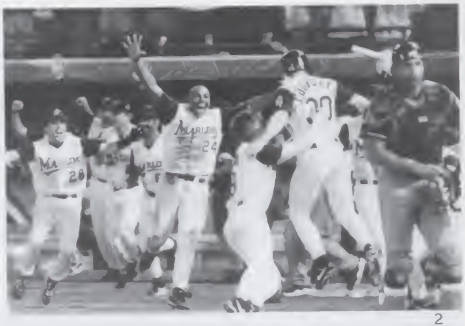

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1. The golden album, "Tidal," by Fiona Apple spent more than a year on Billboard's best-selling chart. "My album is called 'Tidal, ' said Fiona Apple, "because all this success had hit me like a tidal wave, but also because tidal refers to ebbing and flowing and that's really what life is, a constant ebb and flow."

2. The Florida Marlins became major league baseball's world champions in 1997, beating the Cleveland Indians in the World Series. The Marlins tied the Indians in the ninth inning of the seventh game and went to win it all in the eleventh inning with a score of 3-2. The Indians last won the Series in 1948.

3. Sheryl Crow grew up in a rural community in Missouri. When she was about six years old, she discovered she could play the piano by ear. That was all it took. Before too long, that musical talent, combined with a fascination with the music of artists as diverse as the Rolling Stones and Billie Holiday, led Sheryl to pursue her music full time. Her latest album, "Sheryl Crow, " spent a year on the charts.

4. By being young, cute, blonde, and happy, the brothers Hanson became the newest kids on the pop charts. The band's infectious single "MMMBop" and their album "Middle of Nowhere" flooded the airwaves around the world.

5. Country star Tim McGraw, whose last two albums — "Not a Moment Too Soon" and "All I Want" — sold a combined 7 million copies, built his career on a heartbreak ballad. In the two years since "All I Want" hit the charts, McGraw became a millionaire, married country music's Faith Hill, had a daughter and gained respect as a producer.

6. The Spice Girls have jumped into superstardom, grabbing the adoration that comes with overnight worldwide fame. With only two albums to their credit, the five young women took the world by storm with their saucy antics and innumerable shouts of "Girl Power." Their first album "Spice" hit the charts in early 1997 and stayed all year.

7. The Women's National Basketball Association completed its inaugural season with the Houston Comets defeating the New York Liberty for the championship. As the season came to a close, the WNBA announced that the eight-team league would grow to ten teams in 1998.

8. In one of the most competitive games in Super Bowl history, John Elway and Terrell Davis led the Denver Broncos to a 33-24 upset of the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII. The Broncos' first National League championship ended the American conference's 13-year losing streak in the Super Bowl.

ALBUMS

BUTTERFLY-Mariah Carey
YOU LIGHT UP MY LIFE-Leann Rimes
PIECES OF YOU-Jewel
THE DANCE-Fleetwood Mac
MEN IN BLACK-THE ALBUM-Soundtrack
SOUL FOOD-Soundtrack
FLOORED-Sugar Ray
SPICE-Spice Girls
GREATEST HITS COLLECTION-Brooks & Dunn
COLLECTION OF HITS-Trisha Yearwood
THE FAT OF THE LAND-Prodigy
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?-Adam Sandler
AQUARIUM-Aqua
MUCH AFRAID-Jars of Clay
LIVE AT THE B.B.C.-Led Zepplin
NIMROD-Greenday
MIDDLE OF NOWHERE-Hanson
YOURSELF OR SOMEONE LIKE YOU-Matchbox 20
SELF TITLED-Backstreet Boys
NO WAY OUT-Puff Daddy and the Family
LETS FACE IT-Mighty Mighty Bosstones
THE JOSHUA TREE-U2
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MY WAY-Usher
TITANIC-Soundtrack
SEVENS-Garth Brooks
TRANSISTER-311
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PRICES

Gasoline (per gallon) $1.00
Gallon of Milk $2.30
Warrior Yearbook $29.00
Senior Parking Lot Sticker $25.00
Book Fee $40.00
C.D. $15.00
Plate Lunch $1.50
Minimum Wage $5.15
Extra Value Meal $2.99
Prom (couple) $50.00
High School Memories $$ priceless $$

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Sleep and Snore Ernie
Professional wrestling
Giga Pets
Spice Girls
Hanson
X-Files
SKA
The Internet
Weezer
Puff Daddy
JNCO jeans
Adidas apparel
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Tear-away pants
Disco revival
Concerts
Jerry Springer
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Body Glitter
Hair Mascara
Play Station
Tommy Hilfiger
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Conspiracy Theory
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The Full Monty
G.I. Jane
Wishmaster
Money Talks
Air Force One
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Half-Baked
Batman and Robin
Fallen
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I Know What You Did Last Summer
As Good As It Gets
Phantoms
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Tomorrow Never Dies
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Mortal Kombat Annihilation
The Rainmaker
For Better or For Worse
Man Who Knew to Little
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Sling Blade
Murder At 1600
Absolute Power
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The Fifth Element
Replacement Killers
Zero Effect
The Borrowers
The Wedding Singer

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Harry Blackstone, known for his magic, died at the age of 62 on May 15, 1997. He carried the torch for an earlier era of magic that thrilled generations before television. Mr. Blackstone's father was a contemporary of Houdini and other magic stars. His son carried on the legacy by performing his father's signature tricks, including the dancing handkerchief and the floating light bulb.

Betty Shabazz, 61, wife of Malcolm X, saw her husband murdered in 1965. She carried on with his message while raising their six daughters. She died on June 23, 1997.

Jacques Cousteau, 87, learned to swim at the age of four. He co-invented the Aqua-Lung and went on to become the world's most famous oceanographer. He brought the ocean world to everyone through his films and television programs. He died on June 25, 1997.

James Stewart, 89, major film star for decades died on July 2, 1997. He was the extremely popular veteran of more than 80 films with an idealistic and upright character. He was the American we all wanted to be.

Charles Kuralt, 62. As a CBS correspondent, Kuralt covered Vietnam and Latin America, but it was on America's back roads that his affectionate eye for the small-town story won him acclaim. He died on July 4, 1997.

Gianni Versace, 50, the celebrity king of fashion was shot in front of his Miami Beach home on July 15, 1997. Versace dressed movie stars, singing stars, and anyone else who wanted to wear his color-splashed clothing. This gave him the title of king of Frock and Roll.

Ben Hogan, 84, the no-nonsense golfer died on July 25, 1997. His determination and practice paid off, earning him a reputation as the game's greatest shotmaker.

Robert Mitchum, 79, actor whose film career spans for decades, died on July 1, 1997. He portrayed good guys, bad guys, played in war movies, love stories and always acted with major stars such as Marilyn Monroe. In his latest film, he played the owner of the television station in "Scrooged."

Brandon Tartikoff, 38, was named president of NBC Entertainment at the age of 31. He was considered a programming prodigy, transforming the last-place network into a powerhouse. Tartikoff died on August 27, 1997.

Diana, Princess of Wales, died in a tragic car accident on August 30, 1997, in Paris, France. Despite her high station in life, Diana was Everywoman. Her ordeals and faults made her seem like an ordinary person. Suddenly the world turned into a global village and everyone felt closer to each other as they shared in this astonishing grief.

Rudolf Bing, 94. During his 22 years as general manager, the autocratic, impresario revolutionized New York's Metropolitan Opera. He moved it to the Lincoln Center and hired the first black performers, making it the premier company in the world. Bing died on September 2, 1997.

Burgess Meredith, actor for 60 years died at the age of 89 on September 9, 1997 in his home in Malibu California. He was nominated for two Oscars during his long career. Despite his performances in over 120 films, he was best known for portraying Sylvester Stallone's manager in the "Rocky" movies. Mr. Meredith also was the Penguin in the TV's "Batman."

Louis J. Adamie, 83, died September 13, 1997. He was the scorekeeper in St. Louis for more than four decades and known as Mr. Scoreboard in big league baseball lore.

Red Skelton, 84, died on September 17, 1997. He was the gentle clown-comedian who stumbled his way through decades of prime time television skits and more than 30 movies. His characters include Clem Kadidlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader, and Cauliflower McPugg. He appeared at The Muny in St. Louis in 1938, 1970, and 1984.

Richie Ashburn, 70, also known as Whitey, died in September 1997. He was a baseball Hall of Famer and won two batting titles.

Mobutu Sese Seko, 66, died in September 1997. He was the African strongman and kleptocrat whose 32-year rule of Zaire finally ended last May.

Jeanne Calment, 122, was a Frenchwoman who knew that the key to becoming the world's oldest living person was a sense of humor. "I've only ever had one wrinkle," she said when she turned 122, "and I'm sitting on it." She died on September 20, 1997.

George Solti, 84, died September 5, 1997. He was the conductor of the Chicago Symphony. He set a record for winning 30 Grammys, more than anyone else, pop or classical.

Leon Edel, 89, the reigning authority on Henry James died in September 1997. He vividly detailed the author's life in a five-volume, Pulitzer-prizewinning biography.

Mother Teresa, 87 left this world on September 9, 1997. She said, "By blood and origin, I am Albanian. My citizenship is Indian. I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the heart of Jesus."

Roberto Goizueta, 65, arrived in Havana in 1960 with $40 and 100 shares of Coca-Cola stock. In 1981, he was named the company's CEO. During his aggressive, 16-year tenure, Coke stock soared 3,500 percent. Goizuta died on October 18, 1997.

Johnny Vander Meer, 82, played for the Cincinnati Reds in 1938. He became the only pitcher in major-league baseball history to throw two consecutive no-hit games. The left-hander was only 23 at the time. He died October 6, 1997.

Singer John Denver, 53, perished in a plane crash on October 12, 1997. The single-engine plane, a Long-EZ, crashed during the afternoon in the choppy waters of Monterey Bay, California. The singer had the people singing sunny music, such as "Sunshine on My Shoulder," "Rocky Mountain High," and "Take Me Home, Country Roads," while the nation suffered through Vietnam and Watergate.

Famed novelist James Michener, 90, died on October 16, 1997. Mr. Michener was the author of such blockbusters as "Hawaii," "Texas," and "Centennial." He did not write his first book until the age of 40, but that book, "Tales of the South Pacific" won him the Pulitzer Prize in 1948.

Stubby Kaye, 79, actor and comedian, died December 14, 1997. He was best known for his role as Nicely-Nicely Johnson in "Guys and Dolls" on Broadway and the movie. He also played Marryin' Sam in the stage and screen versions of "Lil' Abner."

Lillian Disney, 98, Walt Disney's benevolent widow, died on December 16, 1997. She helped found the California Institute of the Arts in Los Angeles and also talked her husband into calling the famous mouse Mickey instead of Mortimer. Lillian and Walt were married 41 years until the death of her husband.

Actor Chris Farley, 33, was found dead in his apartment in the John Hancock Building-Chicago in late December. His films include Tommy Boy, Beverly Hills Ninja and Black Sheep. He was best known for his role in Saturday Night Live.

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Nicolette Larson, 45, recording artist who lifted Neil Young's pop hit "Lotto Love" to the top of the charts in the 1970's died on December 16, 1997 of complications from cerebral edema.

Michael Hutchence, 37, INXS front man, reportedly hanged himself at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Double Bay, Australia. Formed in 1977 as the Farriss Brothers, the Aussie band later opted for INXS. Hutchence dabbled in film, but stayed loyal to the band, which had been preparing for its 20th anniversary tour. Hutchence died in December 1997

Russ Meyer, 74, pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers and other teams, died of heart failure in Oglesby, Illinois, in December 1997. Over the course of 13 seasons, he pitched in three World Series.

Harold Geneen, 87, died of a heart attack in December 1997. During his 18 years as CEO of International Telephone & Telegraph (1959 to 1977), Geneen used some 300 takeovers to build ITT into one of the most sprawling conglomerates.

Grayson Kirk, 94, former president of Columbia University in Bronxville, New York, died in December 1997. After his appointment in 1953, the university's endowments quadrupled. In 1968, he miscalculated a situation and called 1000 police to quell antiwar protests resulting in the arrest and injury of dozens of people.

Coleman Young, 79, five-term mayor of Detroit from 1974 to 1993, died in December 1997 of respiratory and heart problems. The ex-World War II Tuskegee Airman became one of the first black mayors of a U.S. city.

Buck Leonard, 90, Hall of Fame first baseman hailed as the Lou Gehrig of the Negro Leagues. With flawless glove work and a career batting average of above .300, Leonard was with the Washington Homestead Grays from 1934 to 1950. He died in December 1997.

Marguerite Henry, 95, creator of fictional favorite such as "Misty of Chincoteague," "Black Gold," and "Brighty," died in Rancho Santa Fe, California in December 1997.

Joyce Wethered, 96, England's championship golfer, died in December 1997.

Willie Pastrano, 62, fleet-foot boxer whose nimble moves inspired Muhammad Ali, died in December 1997.

Eliot Daniel, 89, tunemeister and composer of the upbeat theme song for the "I Love Lucy" show died in December 1997. Daniel initially asked that his name be kept off the credits because he did not think the show would last.

Harold (Hal) Lipset, 78, died in December 1997. He was the private eye who famously put a bug in a martini olive in the town that avidly tracked his gumshoe doings, San Francisco. He also founded the World Association of Detectives.

Michael Kennedy, 39, son of late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, died on New Years Eve 1997. He slammed into a tree while playing football on skis in Aspen, Colorado.

Representative Salvatore (Sonny) Bono, 62, died of a skiing accident at South Lake Tahoe on Monday, January 5. He struck a tree and died of head and neck injuries. Sonny Bono will long be remembered for his role in the Sonny & Cher Show in the 1960's and 70's, and the many songs he wrote and recorded.

Jack Lord who played Steve McGarrett in the television show "Hawaii Five-O" died January 21, 1998 in Honolulu. His show ran from 1968 to 1980, making it the longest-running crime series in TV history. He remained in Hawaii after the series went off the air. People could recognize him by his distinctive license plate, "Five-O." Jack Lord was 77 when he died.

Jay Monahan, lawyer and legal consultant to NBC, died January 1998. He was also the husband of Katie Curic, Today Show anchorwoman.

Carl Perkins, the composer of "Blue Suede Shoes" and a well-known country western singer, died in January 1998.

Joseph A. Mizerany Sr. whose appliance business made his last name a household word in St. Louis, on Sunday, February 1, 1998. He was 90 years old. He founded the Mizerany Brothers appliance stores as well as all of the Pat Riley warehouse showrooms in Missouri and Illinois. From his original store at 3849 South Broadway, the business grew into a chain of 22 outlets.

Carl Wilson of the Beach Boys died February 6, 1998. The group became famous during the 1960's for their hip surfing songs such as "Surfin Safari" and "Surfin U.S.A." Their popularity was revived during the late 1980's with the hit song "Kokomo."

MaryBeth Gordon, social worker for Granite City School District #9, died on February 8, 1998.

The yellow dog, Bud, in the movie Air Bud died in February 1998.

Harry Carabini, better known as Harry Caray, was the voice of baseball for 53 years. Mr. Caray was born on March 1, 1914 and raised by an aunt in Webster Groves. He first started broadcasting for the St. Louis Cardinals on April 17, 1945 and was terminated from that position by the Anheuser-Busch organization on October 9, 1969. In 1970, he joined the Oakland A's, in 1971 teamed up with the Chicago White Sox, and ended up being the voice of the Chicago Cubs from 1982 to the present day. His phrase-making "Holy Cow," and "It might be ... it could be ... it is ... a home run,' was pure Americana. He could change the mood of the crowd in just one sentence. Mr. Caray was inducted into the broadcaster's wing of the Baseball Hall of Fame on July 23, 1989. Harry Caray died Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage California. "So long, everybody."

Abraham Ribicoff, U.S. senator, govemor of Connecticut served as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in the JFK administration. He was 87.

Henny Youngman, comedian, best known for his one-liner comedy routines died February 24, 1998.

Grandpa Jones, country-western singer and long time performer at the Grand Ol' Opry died in February 1998.

Lloyd Bridges, whose half-century in acting ranged from drama to the vengeful deputy in "High Noon" to the comedy of the wacky air controller in "Airplane", died March 10, 1998 of natural causes at the age of 85.

Pol Pot, dictator of Cambodia, who was responsible for the deaths of million of Cambodian people died in April 1998.

Linda Eastman McCartney, the photographer, performer and activist who was married to ex-Beatle Paul McCartney died of cancer on April 17, 1998.

MAY CAROUSEL 1997

Jerry, Patrick, & Suzanne McKechan

HOMECOMING

May Carousel Queen Amanda Crabtree

Stacy Strudivant from Hollywood Andrews collects money

Homecoming week participants

Students participate in the Twister Contest

Melissa Smith and Rocky Smith

MAY CAROUSEL

ROW 1
Sarah Signall
Tonna Druhe
Amelia Tapp

ROW 2
Melanie Gensert
Sangeeta Kumar
Amanda Solomon
Queen Amanda Crabtree
Kelly Pieper
Brianna Chrusciel
Sung Hee Suh

ROW 3
Anthony Evans
Scott Mills
Mark Dittman
Andrew Oney
Kyle Briggs
Chad Kleindorfer
Vincent Willaredt
Ryan Relleke
Alex Bautsch
Steve Mathes

MAY CAROUSEL COURT: GIRLS: ROW 1: Sangeeta Kumar, Brianna Chrusciel, Amanda Crabtree, Kelly Pieper, Tonna Druhe. ROW 2: Amelia Tapp, Melanie Gensert, Sung Hee Suh, Sarah Signall, Amanda Solomon. BOYS: ROW 1: Steve Mathes, Kyle Briggs, Ryan Relleke, Scott Mills, Mark Dittman. ROW 2: Andrew Oney, Alex Bautsch, Anthony Evans, Chad Kleindorfer, Vincent Willaredt

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1. Mrs. Amy Heath hands Angela Nance the carnation she selected. 2. Carla Shehorn poses for her traditional May Carousel photograph. 3. Matthew Owca and Cynthia Gorka, David Zellerman and Christina Greathouse, Steven Houk and Elizabeth McKechan, Timothy Goskie and Lisa Dillard just begin the senior dance routine choreographed by Margaret Holland Pennell. 4. The beautiful ending to the May Pole. 5. Sung Hee Suh and Sangeeta Kumar. 6. The cheerleaders perform their routine. 7. Senior girls help each other tie ribbons on the carnations. 8. Girls check their gowns before they walk into the gym. 9. The senior girls. 10. Before May Carousel begins, seniors anxiously await to be photographed.

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TRY TO REMEMBER

On May 9, 1997, the senior girls were honored in the traditional May Carousel ceremony. This ceremony has been held for many generations. It is a special evening for the senior girls and their families.

The Master of Ceremonies, Steve Mathes, welcomed the crowd. Pages Sarah Fielding and Amy Pennell introduced the senior girls. After the girls took their seats, retiring Homecoming Queen Julie Burnett took her throne for the last time. Attendants to the queen and their escorts were then introduced. Court members included Amanda Solomon and Anthony Evans, Amelia Tapp and Alex Bautsch, Sarah Signall and Chad Kleindorfer, Sung Hee Suh and Vincent Willaredt, Melanie Gensert and Steve Mathes, Sangeeta Kumar and Andrew Oney, Tonna Druhe and Kyle Briggs, Kelly Pieper and Scott Mills, and Brianna Chrusciel and Mark Dittman. The 1997 May Carousel queen was the last to enter the gym. Amanda Crabtree gracefully walked in and took her rightful place as the newly crowned queen. She was escorted by Ryan Relleke.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the colorguard, pom pon squad, and the cheerleaders. The colorguard performed to "Give It All You've Got". Next came the pom's routine, "The Old School" The cheerleaders concluded the evening's entertainment with their performance of "Super Spirit".

The entertainment was followed by the traditional May Pole dance. Participants of the May Pole dance were Kindra Allen, Amanda Dunnavant, Brenda Fritzsche, Christy Gilmore, Christina Greathouse, Jamie Hendrickson, Valerie Henson, Kate Jacobs, Rachel Kulasza, Shelly Leach, Jessica Maykopet, Connie Meyers, Michelle Montgomery, Melanie Morgan, Krislyn Niggli, Karla Pieper, Kelly Pithers, Jamie Schueren, Melanie Schwendemann, Carrie Simpson, Holly Spahn, Danielle Stern, Erin Tyler, and Justina York.

After the May Pole dance, members of the senior class waltzed to the theme of the evening, "Try to Remember". Dancers were Stephanie Brandt and Ray Smith, Lisa Dillard and Timothy Goskie, Emily Halvachs and Kelly Huckelberry, Barbie Schannot and Robert Lampitt, Natasha Gregg and Walter Greathouse, Elizabeth McKechan and Steven Houk, Kelley Johnson and David Parker, April Miner and Eric Mooshegian, Andrea Poiter and Kevin Harris, Stephanie Arbogast and David Zellerman, Dana Callender and Patrick Mullen, Rachel Kennerly and Andrew Harris, Christie Belles and Bryan D. Johnson, Karen McClelland and Mikal Guffey, Cynthia Gorka and Matthew Owca, and Amanda Supp and Curtis Howard.

Bryan D. Johnson sang the theme of the evening, "Try to Remember" by the Fantastics. The evening was concluded by the senior girls singing "I'll See You Again" accompanied by Mrs. Mary Bright.

After the ceremony ended, family and friends gathered to take photographs. It was a very special evening sure to be remembered by all.

1. May Carousel queen Amanda Crabtree crowns 1997 Homecoming queen Rebecca Bargiel. 2. Michael, Rebecca, and Kathy Bargiel. 3. Ray, Rocky, and Roxann Smith.

REBECCA BARGIEL & ROCKY SMITH

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CORONATION: 1. 1997 Homecoming King and Queen Rocky Smith and Rebecca Bargiel. 2. Zachary May, Michael Simpson, and Amy Pennell. 3. ROW 1: Rebecca Bargiel, Teresa Lynn, Beth Reiter, Dennetta Boyd. ROW 2: Carrie Richardson, Melissa Smith, Amy Cope, Kathlynn Schermer, Katie Smothers, Sarah Garcia. 4. Rocky Smith, Jonas Janek, Jonathon Burnett, Jeffrey Klee, Dustin Brewer. 5. Kathlynn Schermer, Holly Ryan, Sarah Garcia. 6. Kathlynn Schermer and Laura Nicol. 7. Jonas Janek and David Darling. 8. Beth Reiter with her mom Sandy and sister Amy.

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Each year, one of the most anticipated events for the senior class is the announcement of the members of the Homecoming Court. This year's court included 10 young ladies and, 10 fine gentlemen. Being selected as a court member was extremely exciting for everyone, but the proclamation of the queen and king was yet to come.

A special evening is set aside for this occasion. The opening night of the Homecoming play has traditionally been the designated night. At the close of the play, the thrones are set up, last minute preparations on stage take place, and finally the curtain rises.

The first to appear on the stage are the pages whose job is to announce the members of the court. This year's pages were Amy Pennell and Gretchen Gieson. As the court ladies are announced, they elegantly walk on the stage. After being greeted by their escorts, they walk toward the 1997 May Carousel queen, Amanda Crabtree, bow, and take their designated place on the stage.

As soon as all the couples are on stage, Mr. Ronald Pennell hushes the audience so that he may announce the new king and queen. This year's honors went to Rebecca Bargiel, queen, and Rocky Smith, king. A roar of excitement filled the auditorium as the crowd exploded with enthusiasm.

The evening of the coronation is always one that ends in a feeling of excitement, happiness, and pride. All members of the 1997 Homecoming Court were honored to be selected by their fellow seniors. Their memories will last a lifetime.

Homecoming Queen
Rebecca Bargiel

Homecoming King
Rocky Smith

Dennetta Boyd
David Darling

Melissa Smith
Jonathon Burnett

Amy Cope
Jeffrey Klee

Kathlynn Schermer
Phillip Hickam

Katie Smothers
Mason Czar

Sarah Garcia
Jonas Janek

Carrie Richardson
Dustin Brewer

Beth Reiter
Matthew Blayfock

Teresa Lynn
Lucas Geggus

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OUR TOWN

Homecoming week would not be the same without the annual Homecoming play. This year's play, "Our Town", was a great success. The play ran for two nights, Wednesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 16. The coronation of the king and queen followed the play on both nights.

"Our Town" was written by Thornton Wilder. It takes place in the New Hampshire town of Grover's Corner. The play was written to not include scenery, and Director Ron Pennell used only tables, chairs and two trellises. The story line follows the main characters, Emily Webb, played by Laura Nicol, and George Gibbs, played by Jason Acord, as they grow up in this small New England community. Act One has the stage manager, Ryan Moenster, introducing the town of Grover's Corners and describing the layout of the stage. The use of a stage manager gives this play uniqueness in many ways. It is important to realize that he is not merely a narrator, he is also involved with the characters.

Other cast members include Jacob Kamphoefner, Timothy Knowlton, Colin Anderson, Natasha Mangiaracino, Sarah Fielding, Alicia Gaines, John Mell, Richard Skirball, David Cook, Amy Krieshok, Allyson McDowell, Justin Meagher, Camille Fensterman, David Wright, Matthew Gibson, Ryan Armes, Edward Connolly, Marc Johnson, Thomas Petrillo, Ryan Burton, Rebecca Gehling, Megan Solomon, Susan Gauvin, Lindsay Heath, Sara Rinehart, Elizabeth Rooney, Tara Sander, and Lora Smallman.

After the stage manager describes the setting and the town, the Gibbs' and the Webbs are introduced. Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb wake up early in the morning to cook three meals and take care of their families. The head of the Gibbs' household is the town doctor who awakes early on this first morning to deliver a baby across the railroad tracks in the Polish neighborhood. George, the son of Dr. Gibbs, is busy playing baseball on Main Street when he runs into Emily, the town's leading student. Emily and George, who live next to each other, walk home together and the story of "Our Town" begins.

The play continues as Emily and George become older. George is elected the president of his class and captain of the baseball team, while Emily graduates as valedictorian. The two kids become sweethearts and get married in Act Two.

In the third and final act George becomes a farmer and the newlyweds go to live on his uncle's farm. This act brings sadness as Emily dies while trying to give birth to a child. She is allowed to re-visit one day in her life only to find that it brings too much pain. This ends the story of "Our Town", another brilliant performance by the Granite City High School and Mr. Ronald Pennell.

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PLAY: 1. John Mell, Laura Nicol, David Cook. ROW 2: Natasha Mangiaracino, Jacob Kamphoefner, Alicia Gaines, Jason Acord, Sarah Fielding. 2. Ryan Armes, Marc Johnson, Matthew Gibson, Timothy Knowlton, David Wright, Edward Connolly, Colin Anderson, Richard Skirball, Thomas Petrillo. 3. ROW 1: Rebecca Gehling, Susan Gauvin, Sara Rinehart, Lora Smallman, Camille Fensterman. ROW 2: Lindsay Heath, Tara Sander, Megan Solomon, Ryan Burton, Elizabeth Rooney, Justin Meagher. 4. ROW 1: Amy Krieshok, Justin Meagher, Natasha Mangiaracino. ROW 2: Ryan Moenster, Allyson McDowell, Camille Fensterman, Ryan Burton. ROW 3: Rebecca Gehling, John Mell, Megan Solomon, Laura Nicol.

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HOMECOMING DANCE: 1. Rocky Smith and Rebecca Bargiel. 2. David Darling and Amy Cope. 3. Melissa Smith and Jonathon Burnett. 4. Anthony Mosby, Justin Warren, Ryan Stagner, Aaron Hoback, Sean Cochran. 5. Leonard Wilson and Stephanie Smiddy. 6. Sarah Garcia, Theodore Millas, Derek Penrod, Benjamin Starko. 7. Homecoming attendees enjoy the evening. 8. Dimana Spudich, Christine Spudich, Christopher Sumpter, Kimberly Greer, Kristen Ely, Madrigal Vorce. 9. Students await the next song at the Homecoming dance. 10. Christopher Markovich and Christa Hopkins.

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DANCE: 1. Homecoming attendees dance the night away. 2. Katherine Speece, Lindsay Heath, and Joshua Mefford. 3. Shena Scrum, Tanya Chronister, Bobbie Schneedle. 4. Donna James, April Jordan, Jamie Fields, Angela Perdue. 5. Tonnie Washington and Alonzo Hilton. 6. Amanda Ragan and David Nickell. 7. Peter McKinnie and Jessica Fondren. 8. Students gather to watch the King and Queen dance. 9. Jamie Haug, Christopher Markovich, Christa Hopkins, and Larry Avery.

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The activity that students at GCHS look forward to the most is the Homecoming Dance. This year GCHS students had to wait a little longer for Homecoming to arrive. After the tickets went on sale the big night arrived quickly. The annual Homecoming Semi-Formal Dance topped off the exciting Homecoming Week. On October 18, 1997, around 7 o'clock students began arriving at the gymnasium ready to get their pictures taken and to dance the night away. Those who arrived early to the dance had their pictures taken with ease. However, those who arrived late had to wait in long lines for their pictures to be taken. Fortunately, there were three photographers this year which sped up the process. All of the students were very enthusiastic and ready to have a great time at the dance. After dancing to a few songs many students found the gym to be too hot for them. Those students found comfort in the foyer.

Many students came back into the gym for the King and Queen dance around 9 o'clock. This year's court dance was danced to "Remember Me This Way" from the soundtrack of Casper. The traditional rose dance was danced to "How Do I Live" by LeAnn Rimes. During this dance the guys buy roses for their dates.

Regardless of what you wore or who your date was, everyone had fun. The dance was a great finish to a great Homecoming week.

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PARADE: 1. V.I.C.A. presents their first place float. 2. Freshmen cheerleaders show their joy for winning second place. 3. VICA instructor David Trower puts finishing touches on their float. 4. Members of Tri-M proudly admire their float. 5. Student Council. 6. Future Health Occupations Club takes part in the parade. 7. Junior varsity football cheerleaders show their Warrior spirit.

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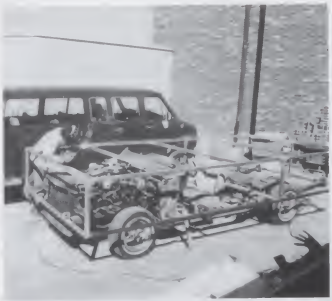

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The Homecoming parade was held on Tuesday, October 14 at 6 PM. Everyone gathered at Veterans Parkway. From there they turned on to Madison Avenue and concluded in the back of GCHS.

The theme for this year's parade was "Fry the Fliers." As in tradition, judges waited along the parade route to select the first and second place winners. V.I.C.A. took the honors of being #1 again this year. Second place went to the freshmen cheerleaders.

Following the parade, students took part in a pep rally, bonfire, and twister contest. Enthusiastic Warrior fans shouted a variety of cheers to help assure a Homecoming game victory.

Later, assistant principal, Allen Kennerly, put a match to the bonfire and a sacrificial Flyer was thrown into the flames. Everyone cheered and the fans could almost smell victory in the air.

The twister contest concluded the exciting evening. More than 20 teams took part in the four-person contest. Victory went to Mason Czar, Lucas Geggus, Justin Roehr, and Rocky Smith, who called themselves the 'Studs'. They defeated 'Lady Jive' comprised of Melissa Smith, Melissa Montgomery, Felicia Mohsen, and Ismahan Mohsen.

As the evening ended, everyone talked about the Friday night football game and the anticipated victory over East St. Louis.

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PARADE: 1. Principal R. William Rotter is driven by Laura Aerne. 2. Spirit Club awaits the start of the parade. 3. Soccer Cheerleaders participate in the parade. 4. Hockey Club members support GCHS. 5. Superintendent Steve Balen and Director of Secondary Education Tom Holloway driven by Darrick Nighohissian and Matt Rooter. 6. Varsity football players and cheerleaders enjoy the parade.

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Tuesday, October 14, was the first day of Homecoming Week. This particular day was designated as 'Come As You Are' and 'Inside Out or Backwards Day.' Students came dressed in their favorite pajamas or with their clothes on inside out or backwards.

The students who dressed in their pajamas accented their ensemble with slippers, teddy bears, Piglet, Pooh, little pillows, and even blankets. Plaid flannels and silk pajamas were among the favorites. The best advantage to this day was the little amount of preparation it took before venturing off to school.

Inside Out or Backwards Day seemed to bring about memories of Kriss Kross. Students roamed the halls with their pants and shirts turned around every which way, except the right way.

Homecoming week started off with great success. Everyone could hardly wait for the next day to begin.

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TUESDAY: 1. Sheena Crader, Nathan Tilson, Tiffany Harris, Adam Johnisee, Kendra White, Krystal Johnson, Amy Hicks, and Jason Acord. 2. Rebecca Gehling, Sarah Fielding, Dennetta Boyd, Sean Kuehnel, Michael Young, Rachel Rees, Amanda Ragan. 3. Blake Shepard shows his Hanes. 4. Kristine Raynor, Salina Morlen, Katie Serrano, Lisa Sabol, and Natasha Howell. 5. Melissa Meyer, Kirk Brumley, Beth Reiter, Jayla Ratchford, and Michelle Gerber. 6. Steven Graham. 7. Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, Sarah Breidenbach, Julie Mills, and Carrie Richardson. 8. Kathlynn Schermer, Laura Nicol, and Rachel Rees. 9. Stephanie Ambuehl, Amanda Rodgers, Nichole Smith, Jessica Huniak, Jeffery Ahlers, Stacey Baker, Cheyenne Modglin, and Crystal Cavins. 10. Joanna Greenspan, Sean Kuehnel, Dawn Staggs, and Lauren Wilkinson.

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Wednesday, October 15, was 60's, 70's, 80's and Opposite Sex Day. While some students dug through their parents closets, others went to second-hand stores to find the perfect outfit. Whatever the case, the school was full of flower children, wild outfits, and strange combinations.

A few brave male students decided to dress as the opposite sex. Boys borrowed dresses and shoes out of their sister's or mother's closets. They stuffed their bodies into dainty dresses, skirts, and blouses, and tried to walk the halls of GCHS in high spiked heels.

Then there were the girls who borrowed clothes out of their father's and brother's closets. Not only did they suit themselves up, but they also gave themselves a 'five o'clock shadow' facial appearance.

The students who dressed as though it were the 60's wore saddle oxfords, full skirts, and leather jackets. The 70's students took on the appearance of hippies with the fabrics. The 80's brought on neon clothing and the popular big hair styles.

For one day students imagined what it was like to live in the times of love, peace, rebellion, and rock 'n' roll. Some also got the opportunity to know what it felt like to portray the opposite sex.

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WEDNESDAY: ROW 1: Viola Brock, Jamie Jateff, Laura Nicol. ROW 2: Jonathan Weiss, Catherine Utz, Christopher Babic, Traci Manis, Laura Stille, Holly Ryan. 2. Jennifer Maladay, Gary North, Lauren Wilkinson. 3. Rocky Smith, Justin Hopper, Jeremy Hunter. 4. Marc Johnson and Edward Connolly. 5. ROW 1: Michael Greberick, Christopher Huitrado, Jordan Aerts, Jeramy Oswald. ROW 2: Jeffrey Hassell, Sherri Freeman, Kevin Ragsdale, Matthew Salzman, David Cook. 6. ROW 1: Karla Jones, Leah Gamblin. ROW 2: Kathryn Ronk, Shannon Stapleton, Elizabeth Dittman, Felicia Mohsen, Melissa Smith, Theresa Hatley, Beth Reiter.

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Thursday, October 16, was Hawaiian and Wacky Hair Day. This was a new addition to Homecoming week, and one of the favorites. Many students enjoyed dressing in colorful Hawaiian clothing and fixing their hair outrageously.

Hawaiian favorites included grass skirts, brightly-colored shirts, shell necklaces, and leis. To add color to their Hawaiian attire, students placed tropical flowers in their hair. They were brightly colored from head to toe.

This day was also wacky hair day. Numerous students participated by coloring their hair wild, exotic colors. Some students also invaded their mother's pantry and made a combination of jello and water to spike their hair into narrow long straight vertical blades.

The more mild wacky hair styles included ponytails, pigtails, crimping, and extremely teased hair going in all directions.

Thursday definitely proved to be a day full of colorful clothing and hair styles. It will always be a very special memory to the students at GCHS.

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THURSDAY: 1. Benjamin Lofink. 2. Bradly Sipes. 3. Sarah Harris, Jonas Janek, Rachel Rees. 4. Jessica Bauer, Jennifer O'Bear. 5. Amanda Ragan, Barbara Dorris. 6. ROW 1: Christina Brand, Karla Jones. ROW 2: Richard Skirball, Lora Smallman, Amy Krieshok, Madrigal Vorce. 7. Harry Painter, Jonathan Weiss, Hae Won Suh, Jeremy Champion. 8. Zachary Cochran, Jeffrey Klee, Jessica Oates. 9. Sherri Freeman, Megan Curran, Jeremy Yeager, Philip Huniak, Rebecca Pierce, Amanda Foley. 10. Melissa Wyrostek, Timothy Owens, Kimberly Kohl.

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1. William Puhse is the Master of Ceremony at the Homecoming assembly. 2. Homecoming queen Rebecca Bargiel and king Rocky Smith are introduced. 3. Juniors wait to hear the winner of the spirit stick. 4. The GCHS drumline rests after cadences. 5. Band members watch the cheerleaders perform. 6. Emily Staicoff, Andrew Balcer, Kristin Ribbing, Joseph Laird. 7. The Pom-pon squad prepare for one of their outstanding performances. 8. The cheerleaders rally the crowd for the spirit cheer.

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Friday, October 17, was Spirit Day. This is always one of the favorite days of Homecoming week. On this day, the halls of GCHS became a cluster of red and black.

The soccer and volleyball players wore their warm-ups and the football players wore their jerseys. The cheerleaders also participated and wore their uniforms. Some students went above and beyond red and black clothing and painted a Warrior on their face or dyed their hair a dark black or bright red. Andrew Balcer dressed himself as a warrior and carried a play bow and arrow with him. He was also in Indian headdress.

A new tradition began again this year. All students went to the gymnasium during seventh hour for a pep rally. Mr. William Puhse, the voice of the Granite City football, was the announcer. Mr. Puhse wore his high school letter jacket from when he participated in the sports program at GCHS.

The cheerleaders led the students in the school song and spirit cheers, for which the juniors won the spirit stick. The poms, band, and colorguard also performed. Everyone who watched agreed the performances were outstanding.

Soccer Coach Gene Baker gave an inspirational speech for the soccer team and Coach Nick Petrillo also spoke in his support for his football team, Mr. and Ms. Sexy Legs were also announced. They were Timothy Wallace and Jenna Williams.

It ended up to be an exciting day for everyone. The assembly helped students get ready for the Friday night football game and drew everyone together as a spirited student body.

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The 1997 Homecoming game was perhaps the most exciting game of the year. The football team worked their hardest to conquer over the East St. Louis Flyers, but victory was snatched away from them by the East St. Louis team.

GCHS fans had a wonderful time cheering their team throughout the evening. Students also enjoyed seeing some of the past graduates return to visit their alma mater. Everyone mingled throughout the evening, drank hot chocolate, and renewed old friendships.

During the halftime show, the band presented their exciting new show and the pom-pon squad gave an exciting performance. Also during halftime, the homecoming queen, king, and the court were introduced to everyone as convertibles drove them around the field.

Although the team was not victorious, they were in the lead for most of the game. Even though the final score was 20-15, fans had a wonderful time cheering and watching the football Warriors play a good game.

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GAME: 1. GCHS spectators. 2. Denetta Boyd and David Darling wave to the crowd. 3. Rebecca Bargiel and Rocky Smith. 4. The top row enjoy showing their team is #1. 5. ROW 1: Jamie Elmore, Jessica Fondren, Jessica Bauer, Stephanie Brake. ROW 2: Alaina Forys, Amanda Zaring, Matthew Salzman, Marissa Cox. 6. Brandy Guenther, Joshua Mefford, Michelle Copeland, Sarah Kuhn. 7. Mark Barron, David Dutko, Jamie Schueren, Matthew Gibson enjoy seeing everyone from the past at the game. 8. Sarah Garcia. 9. Bundled cheerleaders rally the crowds.

CLASSES

Colin Anderson and Joseph Herman display their PEZ collection

1998

Students attend the all-school assembly

Barbara Smith uses her typing skills

Students board their school bus to go home

Kristen Taylor with Bruce Frank

Amy Heath, Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, & Meleea Dickerman in their old chemistry room

Dennis Davis displays his interest in sports

NATALIE DENNY AND HOLLY RYAN

KRISTIN SOLLBERGER

David Cook and Matthew Carson

Aaron Brown, Mario Rossi, & David Weathers

Adam Hard, Jennifer Meyer, Eric Jackson, & Jessica Bolling

Daniel Dothage

Laura Nicol

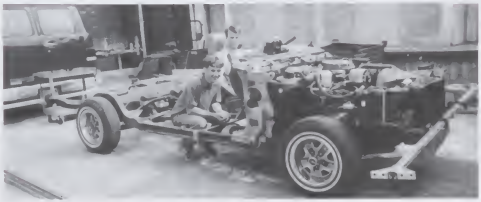
David Darling

John Coleman & Matthew Dittrich

Kimberly Greer

Jennifer Willman's truck

Jessica Mefford



Chris & Joe's dating machine

Rudy Rangle's truck

Christopher Evans, Matthew Foley, Kelly Sparks, & Kathlynn Schermer

Ryan Burton, Dane Bauer, & Dustin Brewer

Christina Clutts, Melissa Smith, Ismahan Mohsen

Timothy Dittman and Traci Manis

Christopher Sumpter & Joseph Herman

Autumn Vincent, Elizabeth Damarath, & Heather Passig

Dennis Holland, Steven Graham, Robert Harris, & Mark Achenbach

SENIORS

Bryan Forister says "I love everyone this much."

CLASS OF 1998 SENIORS


Jason Abbett


Robert Abel


Mark Achenbach


Eric Adams


Hillary Aerts


Joseph Aguilar


Angela Allen


Jason Armes


Bradley Arnold


Cheryl Arnold


Casey Ashby


Heather Atkins


Christopher Babic


Jamie Baehr


Kristy Ball


Erin Ballew

Rebecca Bargiel

Brandi Barton

Kimberly Batson

Dane Bauer

Loren Baugh Jr.

Oddriea Bazzell

Jeffrey Beckwith

Leigh Bell

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1. Natalie Judge admires Matthew Blaylock and Robert Harris.
2. Robert Meszaros watches Gretchen Wiegand purchase a soda.

Kandy Berryman

Matthew Blaylock

Laurie Bohnenstiehl

Jessica Bolling

Dennetta Boyd

Sean Boyer

Dustin Brewer

Jamie Briggs

PUPPY LOVE

We all remember that first crush. You know, that special boy that you chased around the playground or that girl that you tried to impress by hanging upside down from the monkey bars - moments before your head hit the blacktop. Everyone has special memories about their first crush, and sometimes, they wonder whatever happened to them.

When seniors were asked about their first crushes, some of them blushed, some laughed, some eyes just glazed over as they remembered those great times from the past.

"My first crush was on a girl that I worked with. We got into a huge Italian food fight. The mostaccoli in her hair and all over her clothes sparked my deep love for her." — Scott Whitehead

"One of my first crushes was in the fourth grade, in elementary band. I had the biggest crush on Todd McQueen. He never in a million years would have given me a chance. I used to stare at him when he played the drums and I played the flute. I paid more attention to him than to what I was supposed to be doing." — Laura Nicol

"She had colorful clothes, beautiful pigtails, and an adorable smile. She loved her dog and respected her foster dad. With all of these wonderful qualities, what little boy wouldn't want Punky Brewster as his girlfriend?" — Christopher Sumpter

"The first crush I had, that I can remember, would be when I first came to this high school. I used to see this one freshman guy in the hall all the time and I had the biggest crush on him. I remember thinking that a guy like that would never even acknowledge me, much less talk to me, but over three years, he became one of my best friends." — Laura Sabol

"I had my first crush when I was a freshman. I had a crush on her all the way through the summer of my junior year. I remember being late to class sometimes just so I could stand by her locker as she walked by. One year, I got into trouble on purpose so I could go down to the office, she worked there, and look at her all hour. That's an example of the dumb stuff I did just to see her. She knows who she is, so I don't have to embarass her by revealing her name. But, thanks for being my first crush." — Jake Dacus

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1. Casey Ashby and Jay Laird remember taking classes above the cafeteria. 2. Amanda Gunther will always remember the time she spent in the library. 3. Rachel Knarr, Mr. Nick Catanzaro, and Crystal Robinson will also remember the library. 4. Jody McGuire remembers the stacks of furniture during the school improvement days. 5. Sue Palmer and Christopher Markovich remembers his special olympics days. 6. Matthew Blaylock and Steven Graham will remember working in the former office facility.

Darrell Brittain

Amy Brown

Crystal Brown

Kirk Brumley

Christopher Bruzaitis

Kevin Buchek

Kelli Buckingham

Eric Burkey

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

You're a senior and you're supposed to be almost all grown up. But is that true? You sit at home thinking about all the good times you've had at high school and know this is your last year. You also begin to recall some of those most precious moments that got you to this year in your life.

Remember what is was like entering kindergarten? You were one of so many students who had no idea what would await them in the days or hours to come. Remember playing in your backyard with your friends and how you would have nothing to do with the opposite sex? And could you forget the time you hit your head on the swing set or fell on the sidewalk?

Remember entering junior high school and thinking you were so grown up? Junior high brought you additional privileges and responsibilities. You were supposed to be a little older and much wiser. But were you?

Now you're in high school. The four years just flew by and now you rank #1. You're a senior with very few days of school left. Soon you will be walking on that platform on the football field and receiving your diploma. Where did the time go?

The times you thought the day would never end are long gone. The weeks you spent waiting for your blue slip from the drivers education department are a thing of the past. The gym classes, academics, and locker talk will soon be precious memories.

The prom, homecoming, pep rallies, term papers, crowded halls, school pictures, and the high school renovation will be the thoughts you take with you when you leave here. They'll be the thoughts you share with your classmates and friends. They'll be the conversations that start something like this: Remember when we were in high school and .....

Ryan Burton

Andria Butler

Samantha Butler

Joseph Byrd

David Callis

Lesley Cameron

Jeremy Camren

Joseph Carney

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1. ROW 1: Benjamin Hayes, Jennifer Goodrich, Jacqulyn Fredericks, Rebecca Bolling, Rachel Mortenson, Carly Lasiter, Joshua Smallie, Jonathan Lohman, Meranda Richardson, James Tapp. ROW 2: Aaron Hayes, Amy Goodrich, Rebecca Fredericks, Jessica Bolling, Ruth Mortenson, Kerry Lasiter, Scott Smallie, Erica Lohman, Carmen Richardson, Anna Tapp. 2. Carrie Hagnauer and Michael Hagnauer. 3. Kristin Sollberger and Brett Sollberger.

Mark Carpenter

Matthew Carson

Alma Castillo

Joshua Church

Misty Clark

Tiffany Click

Anthony Cline Jr.

Christina Clutts

WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU?

You have lived with them your entire life, watched them as they have grown, shared all of your worldly possessions with them, but now you must share yet one more thing, your school. This year many seniors found themselves in this situation. After attending GCHS for three years, their little brothers and sisters have shown up all of a sudden.

Your senior and freshman years are a time of excitement and hopes. Can you think of a better way to spend them than with your sibling? Having a senior as a sibling can be great for a freshman. Their high school wisdom started when their brother or sister began at GCHS. These freshmen are fortunate enough to have three years of high school wisdom already under their belt by way of a senior sibling. Having an older brother or sister gives them a sense of security.

Senior siblings are often asked questions such as, "Where is room 266?" or "What should I expect from this teacher?" By answering these questions you can make your little brother's or sister's first year at high school much easier. Some freshmen are even fortunate enough to be provided a ride to and from school with their senior sibling.

In a few years things will be different. The once scared freshmen will now be the big seniors who know all about high school. They would not have made it through their first year of high school with such ease without the help of a senior sibling. One thing that will never change is that the senior sibling will always be the oldest child, and someone that the younger siblings will look up to and respect.

Ryan Cochran

Michelle Coker

Shannon Colbert

John Coleman

Kara Coleman

Gary Colp Jr.

William Colp

Renee Condray

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1. Traci Manis and Amy Thomas are workers on the Arch grounds. 2. Kimberly Greer reads a story about the construction of the arch.

Edward Connolly

Robyn Converse

David Cook

Kathryn Cooper

Amy Cope

John Cottrell

Jason Cousins

Ria Crader

GATEWAY TO THE WEST

Most high school students decide at some point in time they need a job. The most obvious choices for after-school employment are fast food restaurants or retail shops. Some students at Granite City High School have found a job more exciting than the old stand-bys. They have become tour guides at the most famous landmark in St. Louis, the Gateway Arch.

These students know all sorts of intriguing facts about the Arch and are willing to share them. Dena Harper says, "The Arch was built as a result of a national competition held in 1947 to design a memorial commemorating Westward growth and the pioneers who forged the American West. The Arch serves as a symbol of the role St. Louis played as the gateway to the West." The winner of this competition was renowned architect Eero Saarinen. "His dream of course was to see an arch rise majestically from a small forest set next to the great Mississippi River. Unfortunately, in 1961, Mr. Saarinen died at the age of 51, and he never saw his dream come true," says Carrie Richardson.

Rebecca Mueller said, "They began construction of the Arch in 1963. It was completed on October 28, 1965, at a cost of over $13 million. A classic weighted catenary curve is the technical term for the Arch, which means it is as tall as it is wide. It's 630 feet tall and 630 feet wide." Mark Achenbach added, "The structure is designed to sway a maximum of 18 inches, nine inches East and nine inches West. It will only sway this much, however, in 150 mile per hour wind." Amy Thomas said, "The exterior of the Arch is quarter inch stainless steel and its interior is 3/8 inch structural steel. Strength and stability are provided between the two surfaces through concrete and steel reinforcing bars to the 300 foot level and structural steel stiffeners from the 300 foot level to the apex of the Arch. The grand total weight of the Arch is 43,000 tons."

Katrina Loyd said, "On the North leg and South leg, there are tram systems, which run independently of each other. They were completed in 1968. There are eight barrel shaped capsules, each seating five people. They are set on a mercury leveling device which keeps the car upright for the trip to the top. It takes four minutes to get to the top and three minutes to come down." Traci Manis suggests, "Go down the opposite leg of the Arch than you went up. That way you can say you went all the way over the St. Louis Arch.

Carrie Crockett

Scott Crook

Kathryn Curran

Mason Czar

Jacob Dacus

Jennifer Dallas

Elizabeth Damrath

David Darling

IT'S OUR DECISION

All students know about the classes they must complete in order to graduate: English, math, social studies, science, and physical education. However, these classes do not fill up all student's schedules. Those who have empty hours are given a list of electives from which to choose.

Granite City High School offers students a wide variety of courses. Not only do these classes fill up empty hours, they give students the opportunity to explore many areas of study. These courses can prepare students for careers and life in the real world.

When several seniors were asked about their favorite vocational class, this is how they responded:

"Foreign Policy/Current Events was the greatest class of my high school career. When Mr. Ames would declare his daily invitation to 'Circle the Wagons,' you knew it was going to be an exciting day." —Sarah Fielding

"Our senior year, we took vocational child care. It was a great experience. We had lots of fun working with the children. This class has prepared us for our future careers in teaching." —Amy Skalsky and Carmen Richardson.

"Human development is one of the most interesting electives I've had. Mrs. Nelson was a very good teacher and she was a lot of fun. I learned so much in that class." —Crystal Meyer

"Travel and tourism was the best elective I took." —Dustin Brewer

"Senior foods is the best elective I have taken because it is the only elective class I have taken. Oh yeah, the food is good too. —Juannell Goodwin

"Fashion merchandising is the greatest class of all time. It is very fun. I am known for having a great fashion sense, and I owe all that to Mrs. Reibold, she is a great teacher." —Steven Graham

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1. Sarah Fielding and Melissa Nelson volunteer to work in the science office. 2. Kellie Buckingham, Leslie Cameron, Sarah White, and Jennifer Meyer with the gingerbread house they made in foods class. 3. Kimberly Greer, Traci Manis, and Katie Cooper decided to take yearbook. 4. Kirk Brumley and David Wright at one time or another elected to work in the office. 5. Joshua Haldeman took a computer class as an elective. 6. Vicki Drennan and Christopher Markovich check the trait sheets in the yearbook room.

Amy Davenport

Melissa David

Andrea Davis

Laura Davis

Lyndsay Davis

Kathryn Dellamano

Natalie Denny

Meleea Dickerman

LIVE JIVE

Music is a very popular and enjoyable hobby. Most of these people agree that the best way to enjoy music is to see the show live at a concert. The Saint Louis area has many facilities that are capable of holding large numbers of screaming fans including Riverport Amphitheatre, Busch Stadium, Kiel Center, and the American Theatre.

For those who enjoy smaller shows night clubs such as Mississippi Nights, the Side Door, the Galaxy, and In Cahoots are popular. For the super adventurous, one can spend their pre-concert time preparing for the excitement by riding roller coasters and ferris wheels at Six Flags before attending an evening concert at the Old Glory Amphitheatre.

No matter where you go, bands are always good live. Rage Against the Machine was one of the many concerts that took place this year. Jason Walkenbach said, "The Rage concert as great, except for Wu Tang, who had to cancel."

Other summer concerts included Bush, Phish, ZZ Topp, Pointfest 7 and 8, U2, Lollapalooza, Live, Aerosmith, Homegrown, No Doubt/Weezer, and Reba Mcentire. When asked about their favorite concerts, seniors had this to say:

"Live was a very good concert, they do an excellent live show." —Denetta Boyd

"I was four rows from Beck. Pointfest 8 was my favorite." —Becky Gehling

"Rage Against The Machine made a mass of militant poetry. Take the power back." —Eric Jackson

"The Mike Watt concert at Mississippi Nights was my all time favorite concert. The reason is that Eddie Vedder, the lead singer of Pearl Jam, played with him. I was only 10 feet away from one of the greatest legends of this century. It was an overwhelming experience." —Traci Manis

"Aerosmith was my favorite concert. Joe Perry can jam." —Dave Cook

Christopher Dillard

Timothy Dittman

Matthew Dittrich

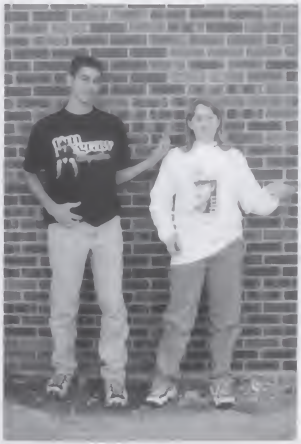
Jason Dix

Amanda Dockery

Joshua Done

Daniel Dothage

Jessica Doty



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1. Jennifer Garner and William Colp wear their country/western concert shirts. 2. Jessica Mefford, Sara Schwager, Emily Markel, Chris Helmick display their concert shirts.

Shakira Douglas

Gregory Easler

Steven Elliott

Christopher Evans

Connie Evans

Lisa Evans

Tarra Falter

Kimberly Faulkner

LOOKING FOR #61

On July 31, 1997, the St. Louis Cardinal organization acquired Mark McGwire from the Oakland A's. It was a tradeoff for pitchers TJ Mathews, Blake Stein, and Eric Ludwick. The man who played with Oakland for 11-plus seasons was now sporting a Cardinal jersey.

The 5-foot, 6-inch, 245-pound McGwire took the Number 25 and began making baseball history. On September 28, 1997, McGwire hit his 58th home run to go into the record books as the Number 1 home run hitter for a righthander. A year ago on that special date, Ozzie Smith said his final good-bye to Busch Stadium, the fans, and baseball.

McGwire was a member of the 1984 USA Olympic Baseball team, took the honor of being the American League Rookie of the Year in 1987 when he hit a major league-record 49 home runs, and has been selected as an All-Star seven times. He played as a member of Tony LaRussa's American League Championship teams with Oakland in 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1992, and was also a member of the A's 1989 World Championship club.

On June 24, 1997, he hit a home run that went nearly 528 feet in the upper decks off of Mets pitcher Randy Johnson, and has continued to be one of most talked about players in Cardinal history. The fans as well as the other Cardinal players look forward to next year when Mark David McGwire once again goes after the record set in 1961. The record of 61 home runs set by Roger Maris has stood for over three decades. Will McGwire be able to top it? Only the 1998 season holds the answer.

Wendy Feenstra

Sarah Fielding

Christina Finley

Genard Finley

Jamie Fleck

John Foley

Matthew Foley

Bryan Forister

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1. Christopher Markovich displays his stories on Mark McGuire. 2. John Rippy helps us to see the #25 on Wesley Evans' shirt.

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1. January graduate Roy Taylor with his parents, grandmothers, and sister. 2. Heather Perkins with her parents. 3. Kimberly Batson and Tomas Arguelles hold their baby Marli. Also in attendance are her parents and brother. 4. Mr. Kennerly and Mr. Rotter give some instructions to the graduates. 5. Jess Reed, Dawn Slone, Kimberly Smay, and Andrew Stajduhar wait to walk across the stage. 6. Rocky Williams and Tamela Wilson applaude for a fellow graduate.

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John Fronabarger

Patrick Fyalka

Sarah Garcia

Justin Gardiner

Jennifer Garner

Lucas Geggus

Rebecca Gehling

Bethany Georgeff

JANUARY GRADUATES

After attending school for so many years, several students decided not to wait until June to graduate. They made the decision to face the world, leave high school behind, and become part of the January graduating class. No more late-night study sessions, crowded hallways, final exams, or surprise quizzes. For these few individuals, their high school career has come to an end.

This year, on January 23, 1998, 38 seniors met in the auditorium for a small graduation ceremony. Proud parents and friends witnessed the graduates walk across the stage as they said 'good-bye' to their high school days. These seniors are as follows: Kimberly Batson, Kandy Berryman, Kelly Brantley, Jeremy Camren, Joshua Church, Corey Cole, Scott Crook, Kathryn Curran, Shakira Douglas, Nirav Gandhi, Shelly Green, Jenee Harper, Jennifer Hill, Renae Hoedebeck, Mandy Jones, Curtis Koehler, Tanya Leisner, Jeffery Lofink, Samantha Loyet, Jeremy McKinney, Chad McMichael, Stephanie Morlen, Matthew Orasco, Jaqueline Papp, Heather Perkins, Brandice Pope, Kristine Raynor, Jess Reed, Dawn Slone, Kimberly Smay, Andrew Stajduhar, Sonya Switala, Melissa Symons, Roy Taylor, Ashley Wilhold, Rocky Williams, Tamela Wilson, and James Yoby.

Congratulations, good luck, and remember to return to GCHS for your official graduation ceremony in June.

Pamela Gerlach

Kari Gibson

Gretchen Gieson

Jonathan Giles

Amy Goodrich

Juannell Goodwin

Johnathan Grafton

Steven Graham

NOT NECESSARILY THE WHEEL

Do you ever have wild inventions that you just have to tell someone about? Do you get discouraged when those people look at you like you're silly? Maybe you jump with joy when someone loves your idea and calls you a genius.

It's these ideas that students develop in their free time that not only make for interesting conversations, but also might change the way we live. In addition, our unique ideas say a lot about our personality. After many years of experiencing the little inconveniences of life, seniors are bound to have some interesting ideas. These are those unique inventions:

"I would invent a glow-in-the-dark toilet seat." — Craig Murphy

"If I invented something, I would invent a toaster for eggs." — Timothy Dittman

"I would invent a Pez pen that would write and dispense candy at the same time." — Tarra Falter

"A good invention would be a lyposuction machine that is cheap." — Emily Markel

"The world needs a sucker saver to store sticky already licked suckers." — Christopher Sumpter

"My invention would be a coffee air freshener that you plug into the cigarette lighter of your car. Then you could smell hot coffee anytime without the inconvenience of spills or cold coffee." — Joseph Herman

"We all love the Handi-Snacks with crackers and cheese, but a good improvement would be to divide the cheese four ways so that no cracker is either denied cheese or overloaded." — Amy Thomas

"I would invent more girls because the ones I know now don't appreciate me." — Bryan Forister

Amanda Gray

Kimberly Greer

Loreli Grider

Amanda Guenther

Nathan Gwin

Carrie Hagnauer

Joshua Haldeman

Erik Hamilton

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1. Rebecca Gehling uses her Mr. Lobdell physics knowledge to come up with an invention of her own. 2. Joshua Haldeman also decides to invent some new techniques.

Valerie Hankes

Clifford Hard

Dena Harper

Jenee Harper

Robert Harris

Mike Hartman

Lisa Hasty

Matthew Hawkins

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC

As a little kid did you ever have dreams of becoming a famous rock star? Most of us did. For some students at GCHS this dream is becoming a reality. The bands "Premonition" and "Freaky Fly" are composed of current and graduated Granite City High School students.

"Premonition" is an up and coming band who currently released their self titled compact disk. The drummer of "Premonition" is Casey Ashby, a senior at Granite City High School. Also in the band are graduated students Sam Kamphoefner, on bass guitar, Joe Basuel, guitar, and Freddy Kudelka, vocalist. The band formed in 1995, and have been growing in popularity ever since.

Another band topping the Granite City top ten list is "Freaky Fly." The have only been playing together for five months, yet they are already headlining at some of the most popular clubs in St. Louis. The drummer for "Freaky Fly" is senior Todd McQueen. The other members include past students Charles Norris, guitar, singer Joshua Whitt, and Ben Haldeman, on bass guitar.

When asked, "What it is like to be in a band?" Casey Ashby replied, "It is a lot of hard work, and dedication. When the shows come around, however, it is a lot of fun. I enjoy being on stage, and seeing all of my friends, and fans having a good time. It was really exciting releasing our first c.d., we sold more than we expected. Being in a band is a lot of fun, but also a good amount of hard work."

Todd McQueen commented about his band, "You should definitely come watch us. Whenever you come see Freaky Fly you are guaranteed to see a show you will never forget. We usually play at clubs such as Kennedys, so look for our flyers, and come check us out."

Jeffrey Hayden

Aaron Hayes

Christopher Helmick

William Henderson

Kevin Hergert

Joseph Herman

Phillip Hickam

Joseph Higgins

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1. Matthew Blaylock, Michael Simpson, Robert Harris, Jonathon Burnett, Chad McMichael, and Kirk Brumley would like to form a band of their own, but this is only pretend. 2. Todd McQueen and his drum sticks. 3. Casey Ashby gives Gretchen Wiegand an autograph.

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1, 2, 3, 4, Vocational Child Care students in their Halloween attire. 5. Jessica Boone helps the children cook. 6. Justin Williamson and his kids.

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Alonzo Hilton

Renae Hoedebeck

Dennis Holland Jr.

Keith Hopke

Christa Hopkins

Justin Hopper

Victoria Hosty

Gary Huffstutler

KATHY & JEAN'S KIDS

The vocational child care program here at GCHS provides an opportunity for young adults to work with children in an informal, preschool type atmosphere. The only requirement for this class is a one hour lecture child development class. Once this class is passed, any junior or senior can move on to the two hour child care class.

When one gets into this class, they are assigned a child or children which they must watch for two hours a day. They are responsible for these children, but are watched closely by their teacher. The students are not the only people to benefit from this class. The children who participate in the day care program benefit from having a teen-age role model.

Not only do the students watch and play with the children every day, they organize several activities throughout the year. These activities include trick-or-treating through the halls on Halloween, and performing a play for the Christmas season.

Catherine Riebold, one of the Child Care teachers, said, "I would highly recommend this class to anyone interested in a career in early childhood or elementary education." Many of Mrs. Riebold's students agree with her. When seniors were asked why they took child care, this is how they responded:

"Child care is a fun class but it also is a learning experience because it teaches you a lot about kids and the way to act in different situations." — Justin Williams

"I really enjoy my child care class. It isn't all just fun and games, it is a great experience for anyone interested in children." — Dena Harper

"This is the most rewarding class that I have taken, but it's also a lot harder than I thought it would be." — Robert Grady

Jamie Ieppert

Eric Jackson

Daniel James

Jonas Janek

Dustin Johnson

Sarah Johnson

Mandy Jones

Stephanie Jovi

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1. Jenny Henson stops Christopher Babic and Eric Jackson. 2. Christopher Sumpter in his Chevrolet S-10 Blazer.

Megan Judge

Paul Kacera

Brian Kamadulski

Jason Kaminski

Katherine Kaminski

Trevor Karius

Matthew Keller

John Kelly

PARKING SPACE—THE FINAL FRONTIER

There are many privileges that go along with being a senior, including being able to park in the front parking lot. The only stipulation to this privilege is the senior must purchase a parking permit. The permit costs twenty-five dollars, and must be displayed in the rear window of the car.

While parking in the lot is a privilege, it also has its downside. To enter the lot in the mornings, students must battle traffic lights, pedestrians, and the parents dropping off both high school and Coolidge students. When school is dismissed at 3:07, a long line of cars waiting to exit the lot immediately forms. A police officer directs traffic, but all cars exiting the parking lot must turn right onto Madison Avenue, causing backtracking by many students.

When seniors were asked about the current parking situation, they had much to say:

"I think the back parking lot should be the senior lot. I also think $25 is too much." — Rachel Rees

"We think that there should be a wider entrance because the Coolidge traffic makes getting into the front lot way to hectic." — Melissa David, Katie Schermer, & Holly Ryan

"The spaces should be numbered and assigned to certain people at random so no one parks in my spot." — Daniel Stagman

"The exit way should be wider because it takes forever to get out." — Tanya Leisner

"It's expensive, and some can't afford it. It's our senior year, we should be allowed to park in the front lot at a cheaper cost." — Daniel Dothage

"It's a privilege, but it is funny that we have to hike half a mile to the building." — Lisa Rinehart

Dale Kitson Jr.

Jeffrey Klee

Joseph Klug

Rachel Knarr

Karen Knox

Curtis Koehler

Jason Koenig

Richard Koerper II

CRAM JAM IN THE GYM

For the first time in ten years, an all-school assembly was held in the Memorial Gymnasium. The assembly was held as a welcome back pep rally to motivate and inspire both faculty and students. The rally's organizers felt the assembly would help to raise the level of school spirit, making Granite City Senior High School a better place.

The assembly began with a few words from Assistant Principal Mrs. Gagich. She spoke of the importance of school spirit and pride and about the theme for the assembly, "Striving for Excellence". Then, she recognized all school activities, sports and clubs.

Next came performances by the band, colorguard and pom pons. The level of participation rose to an all-time high when the cheerleaders led the crowd in the spirit cheer. A spirit level competition was held during this cheer, whichever grade could be the loudest would win the coveted spirit stick. The senior class won and the spirit stick now resides in the trophy case.

By any standards the assembly was a complete success. When asked if they enjoyed the rally, seniors had this to say:

"I think the first all school pep rally was great. It really showed school spirit. I liked how everyone was involved and cheered with the cheerleaders." — Dennetta Boyd

"I think that it was really cool that the whole school could get together. I think that it inspires unity and school spirit." — Matthew Gibson

"The pep rally was fun for everyone and helped stimulate school spirit. I hope we can have more all school assemblies." — Tarra Falter

"I think that it was great that everyone got the chance to get together. It was fun to see everyone." — Autumn Vincent

"I think the assembly was really good for school spirit. Everyone was participating. It must have helped because the football team won that night" — Laura Davis

Christy Koester

Darlene Kohenskey

Terry Kreher

Jason Kynion

Jay Laird Jr.

Courtny Lalla

Jason Landfried

Tanya Leisner

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1. Students listen to the speaker at the second all-school assembly. 2. The seniors try to convince everyone they are still #1 at the first pep rally held in the gym in many years.

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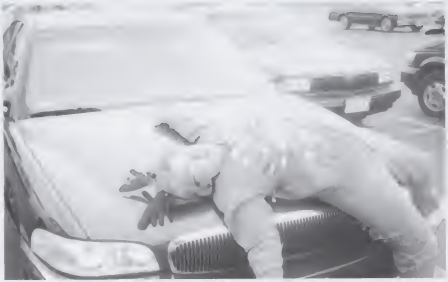

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1. Mr. Andrew Yurko recreates his chair mishap. 2. Keith Hopke asked Mrs. Ruth Layton to 'give me 10' and she did. 3. Mrs. Shannon Muskoff tries not to drop a snake jar. 4. Mrs. Laura Aerne becomes a token deer as she shows everyone how Ann Rich hit one of these innocent creatures one evening late at night. 5. Mrs. Amy Heath shows how to put out a fire in the chemistry lab.

Jacob Lemaster

Christopher Lemp

Adina Lewis

Patrick Logan

Erica Lohman

Samantha Loyet

Teresa Lynn

Amanda Lyons

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Did you ever do something so embarrassing that you knew the entire school was bound to find out? It has happened to all of us at one time or another. Just those two seconds of shame could live with you forever. For a teacher, the embarrassment can be even more severe and unfortunately, students seem to have uncanny memories when it comes to this matter.

The senior class will never forget the most embarrassing thing they have ever seen a teacher do. When asked to share their stories, this is what they had to say:

"As Jonas Janek walked up to Mr. Lubak's desk for help in college algebra, Mr. Lubak leaned back in his chair and fell out of it in front of the entire class. As he got up off the floor, the whole class laughed hysterically." -Holly Ryan

"One time in class, Mrs. Hicks' jacket zipper got stuck on her pants. She pulled on her zipper with both hands while hiding behind her desk. Finally Mrs. Douglas had to come and help her get unstuck." — Steven Graham

"Mrs. Miller was laughing at a joke. In the process of slapping her desk, she also managed to smack her forehead on the desk." — Doug Sutphin

Mrs. Larsen came to class one day with two different color shoes on." — Brian Kamadulski

"Mr. Lubak was walking back to the chalkboard and tripped over a nail in the floor. It sent him stumbling into the chalkboard." — Valerie Hankes

"Mr. Blaha sat on a bag that had "please send help" written in wet paint and it was all over the seat of his pants." — Emily Novosel

"I saw Mrs. Muskopf knock over and break several jars of deceased animals." — Joseph Herman

"I remember when Mr. Yurko sat down in the chairs given to the teachers and fell on the floor. He sat on the edge of the chair and the chair went flying behind him. He looked so surprised." — Meleea Dickerman

Traci Manis

Emily Markel

Christopher Markovich

Mary Martinez

Robert Mathenia

Jennifer Mathews

William Mazzarella

Michael McClery

THE FOX AND STAN KANN

The Fox Theatre opened in St. Louis on January 21, 1929. William fox constructed the 7-story, 5,000-seat theatre for $6 million, which is about $60 million in today's dollars.

It is the grandest of the grand movie houses and is sometimes called the cathedral of amusement. Its style is a combination of Egyptian, Babylonian and Indian. Every time movie goers enter the theatre, they see something new; or is it just an illusion? The columns are either marble or hollow plaster. You decide. Is it really brass and gold or is it just paint?

Fifteen years ago, this ornate theatre was sold to new owners. To celebrate the 15th anniversary of its grand re-opening, the Fox presented a free screening of "Meet Me in St. Louis" in August 1997. They also handed out free buttons and pieces of birthday cake. Legendary organist Stan Kann played some of his favorite selections on the grand Wurlitzer Organ. Mr. Kann played the Wurlitzer four times a day at the beginning of each movie for over 20 years when the Fox made movie magic.

Now the Fox is host to a broad variety of Broadway productions, concerts, etc. Many students who have never seen a stage production now attend the Fox Theatre on a regular basis. "I remember seeing paintings on the wall of famous Broadway plays with the signatures of the people who performed in them," says Traci Manis, "It was so interesting."

In January 1999, the Fox will be 70 years old. Each new generation brought new productions, and each new generation now brings new audiences. Congratulations to a magnificent building and the audiences who have found a wonderful form of entertainment.

Angela McElroy

Erin McGehee

Jody McGuire

Kyle McGuire

Peter McKinnie

Chad McMichael

Todd McQueen

Jessica Mefford

1. Laura Davis holds up a 'Get Out' section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch with the Fox Theatre information. 2. Edward Connolly knows how to aim his stage light directly at the right person.

Steven Mennemeyer

Daniel Mercer

Amanda Merritt

Amy Messick

Crystal Meyer

Jennifer Meyer

Melissa Meyer

Amy Miller

THE SHADOW

Each year some students are selected to spend a day observing a professional in a career which interests them. This program, called Job Shadowing, is headed by Assistant Principal Cindy Gagich. Its success is due to the many business professionals who generously devote time to the program.

The Job Shadow begins with an application which is to be filled out by each student. Next, a time is set up for a one-on-one interview between the student and a professional business person from the community. After the interview, if a student is chosen to participate, they are sent information about their shadow day. Also attached is a list of things which are included to encourage and stress a business like manner during your participation.

One last thing that is done before the actual experience takes place is a confirmation call on behalf of the student. The student must call the professional and confirm the date, time and location. This phone call is a requirement all students participating in the program must meet.

The job shadow program is anticipated by most every student in the school. When members of the senior class were asked about their job shadow experiences, these are their responses:

"Job shadowing was a fun experience because I got to go to Channel 2 and hang out with Glenn Zimmerman." — Laura Nicol

"I thought that job shadowing was a great experience and I would recommend it to everyone." — Kari Gibson

"Job shadowing was very beneficial and a lot of fun. It was really neat to see what I would be doing all day." — Tarra Falter

"I think the job shadow program gave me experience I will be able to use when I enter the business world. One of the most important things I learned was how to conduct myself in an interview." — Kathryn Cooper

"I job shadowed occupational therapy at St. Elizabeth Hospital. I was able to work with many patients, doing things like playing baseball with a cane and a beach ball. I plan on shadowing again this year." — Tracie Manis

Jeffrey Modrusic

Michael Modrusic

Ismahan Mohsen

Nathan Monroe

Salina Morlen

Stephanie Morlen

Ruth Mortenson

Mark Moseley

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1. Jeffrey Klee and the mayor of Granite City, Ronald Selph. 2. Jodie Tallent gets her machine ready to go. 3. Jaime Rushing in her classroom setting. 4. Phillip Meyer in an instructional moment.

Steve Moss

Joseph Moutria

Rebecca Mueller

Craig Murphy

Melissa Nelson

Dwight Newman

David Nickell

Laura Nicol

MY NEW CAREER

Most students have decided upon, or at least thought about a career, by the time they are seniors. Many dream of becoming doctors, lawyers, and teachers. These professions have been some of the most common since the beginning of modern time. In recent years, professions in fields such as science and computers have also become extremely popular.

Many students, though, have less traditional careers in mind. When asked what they want to be, GCHS seniors had this to say:

"I will be president of the United States of America." — Jeffrey Klee

"I am going to design a silver sequin suit for Jeff Klee, the only president to ever graduate from GCHS, to wear at his inaugural ball." — Traci Manis

"My dream is to become the maker of the little plastic thing that go on the end of your shoelaces." — Melissa Nelson

"I would like to be a waste management engineer (garbage man)." — Christopher Babic

"I am going to be an ice cream truck driver." — Sara Schwager

"My dream is to be in the Federal Bureau of Investigation." — Michael Stone

"I am going to be a zoologist." — Dennetta Boyd

"My dream has always been to be an American Gladiator." — Matthew Foley

"I would like to be a circus clown." — Dwight Newman

"I am going to travel to a third world country so I can bring them medicines and help them to survive." — Rebecca Gehling

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1. Joseph Herman would like to have a racing career. 2. Monitor Tom Brown shows Stephanie Jovi one of his duties. 3. Matthew Foley and Robert Slater wonder what it would be like to help renovate this school. 4. David Cook attempts to play the piano. 5. Ruth Mortenson and Megan Solomon smooth off the floor as Michael Giudici stands in the back demonstrating that you have to be strong to work on this job. 6. Will Shane Brown make a good teacher?

Emily Novosel

Stacy Nunes

Ronald Offt

Amee Olson

Jacqueline Papp

Heather Passig

Leah Patton

Stephen Paul

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1. Doug Sutphin and Jennifer Willman talk with Army recruiters at College Night. 2. Sarah Fielding and Rebecca Gehling cannot decide what service career they would choose.

Johnny Pellazari

Kevin Penberthy

Heather Perkins

William Pickerell

Chad Pilcic

Neil Podnar

Jillian Ponder

Brandice Pope

ABOUT FACE

During your senior year of high school, you are faced with many difficult choices on your future. Some choose to go to college, others find jobs, but for many the military is the best choice. Many students are attracted to the military by recruiters who visit the high school during lunch hours. Others have family members who are in the military.

A few members of the senior class attended boot camp over the summer. At boot camp they learned discipline and the fundamentals of becoming a soldier. It was hard work, but most found it to be beneficial. They were separated from their friends and family for an extended period of time, but achieved a feeling of independence. Most would describe their time at boot camp a challenge, but very rewarding.

Do not be fooled though, a career in the military requires a special type of person; a person willing to work with others and give their all in every situation. It takes all of a person's strength and reserve to survive some of the hardships they must endure. The military, however, is the best career path for a great number of people.

When members of the senior class were asked why they plan on joining the military, this is how they responded:

"I decided to join to keep out of trouble and everyone knows, Marines rule!" — Jason Dix

"It is hard and teaches you discipline. Also, Matt James is a Marine and he really enjoys it." — Amanda Guenther

"Boot camp was quite an experience. I learned a whole lot. It taught me discipline, honor and pride. At times it is a good deal of hard work and you miss your family and friends, but most of the time your kept busy which takes your mind off those types of things. I would recommend the military to anyone who needs help finding direction." — James Smith

Danyale Pratt

Robert Pritchard Jr.

Mark Quigley

Rudy Rangel

Kristine Raynor

Ryan Reagan

Jess Reed

Rachel Rees

HOW TIME FLIES

As all seniors know, graduation is quickly approaching. It is an exciting, but scary, time for everyone. For the first time, the seniors will be entering the real world and leaving the safety of school.

No one can predict what the future will bring. One thing is certain, though, most everyone's path will be different.

After graduation, nothing will ever be the same. Friends that have known each other since infancy and knew every intimate detail about one another, may drift apart. The sweethearts whose love for each other seemed so deep that it would never end, will probably part.

Do not worry, though, most everyone will meet again at the tenth year class reunion. It will be like entering a time warp, returning to the school where so much time was spent and seeing people you may not have even thought about for years. Memories, bad and good, will flood your mind. You will suddenly remember the boy you had a huge crush on, or the girl who crashed into a sign during driver's class.

Lingering questions may also be answered. Did the class brain become a brilliant writer or doctor? Whatever happened to your chemistry lab partner? Did the class athlete ever make it into the major leagues? These questions will all be answered at the tenth class reunion.

Some people may have an anxiety attack when they receive their invitation to the reunion. They will ask themselves, "Have I really been out of high school for ten years? That's impossible." Others will immediately become excited and begin gathering pictures of their children to display.

Wherever we end up going and whatever we end up doing, we have a standing date to meet here in exactly ten years.

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1. Roy Taylor, vocational building trades student, wonders if he will still be building houses in 10 years. 2. Gary Huffstutler looks at an old yearbook. 3. Will Steven Graham still not let anyone enter his special area 10 years from now? 4. Edward Connoly and Jay Laird may possibly plan to sit in this spot for 10 years. 5. Ismahan Mohsen may read all the books in the library within 10 years. 6. Will Scott Whitehead be working for Jerry's in 2008?

Beth Reiter

Travis Revelle

Maggie Reynolds

Kristin Ribbing

Johanna Ribley

Carmen Richardson

Carrie Richardson

Crystal Ridgeway

Dustin Rieger

Shaun Rigsby

Lisa Rinehart

Kathi Ringling

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

Jeffrey Klee

Kathlynn Schermer

Being considered a good representative for the school is not an easy task. They must always be thinking about the kinds of example their actions will set.

The seniors chose Jeffrey Klee and Kathlynn Schermer as their class representatives. Jeffrey and Kathlynn are involved in many activities, including student council. These students will always be looked up to by their classmates. Their names will be permanently inscribed as the 1998 class representatives on a special display that hangs in a trophy case.

Steven Rippee

John Rippy

Catherine Robbins

Nathan Robbins

Christoffer Roberts

Crystal Robinson

Michelle Roeder

Kristie Ross

Mario Rossi

Shannon Roth

Thomas Rothe Jr.

Kara Rupcinski

CLASS EINSTEIN

Salina Morlen

Timothy Dittman

The infundibulum, cerebellum, medulla oblaganta, and cerebrum, no these are not the names of rock bands, they are sections of the brain. Every human being possesses them, although some choose to use the parts more often than others.

Salina Morlen and Timothy Dittman are two students who use their maximum brain power all of the time. For their outstanding academic achievements these two students have been selected as the class Einsteins.

Jaime Rushing

Holly Ryan

Laura Sabol

Mark Sanchez

Rory Sawyer

Erik Schank

Kathlynn Schermer

Alan Schmedeman

Sara Schwager

Tabatha Selliers

Timothy Simon

John Siner

CLASS SWEETHEARTS

Mindy Staggs

Scott Smallie

Many of the seniors in the class of 1998 spend their time with a special someone. For some that person is their best friend, others seek someone to share casual dates, others want longer, more meaningful relationships.

Mindy Staggs and Scott Smallie are students who have found that special someone in each other, and have developed a strong relationship. Anytime you see them together it is easy to notice their respect and admiration for each other. That is why the senior class voted them as class sweethearts.

Amber Sipes

Amy Skalsky

Joseph Skinner

Melissa Skinner

Robert Slater

Marissa Slattery

Rosanne Slecka

Dawn Slone

Scott Smallie

Dereck Smith

Eric Smith

James Smith

CLASS BODY

Melissa David

Jonas Janek

People come in all different shapes and sizes. To have the ideal body one has to work out and eat right.

This year Jonas Janek and Melissa David were chosen by the senior class as having the most beautiful bodies at Granite City High School. Melissa stays in shape by staying active in cheerleading. Jonas keeps tone by participating in wrestling and soccer.

Jeremy Smith

Kiesha Smith

Melissa Smith

Rocky Smith

Katie Smothers

Kristin Sollberger

Megan Solomon

Amanda Soltani

Laura Sorenson

Kelly Sparks

Mindy Staggs

Daniel Stagman

CLASS SMILE

Rebecca Bargiel

Mason Czar

A warm and friendly smile can brighten anyone's day. Even on a student's worst day seeing a big smile while walking down the hall will make them want to smile. A great smile can reflect your positive outlook to everyone.

When the seniors were asked who had the best smile in the 1998 class, Mason Czar and Rebecca Bargiel were selected. They both greet other students with friendly smiles that display the qualities that can brighten a rainy day.

Stephanie Stanfill

Laura Stewart

Michael Stone

Leanna Strubberg

Christopher Sumpter

Sonya Switala

Melissa Symons

Jaime Tankersley

Sarah Tankersley

Anna Tapp

Amanda Taylor

Georgia Taylor

CLASS EYES

Emily Markel

Cory Wallace

There is an old saying that the eyes are the window to the soul. Perhaps that is why it is considered one of the most attractive parts of the human body.

Cory Wallace and Emily Markel are two students whose eyes stand out more than any others among seniors at Granite City High School. With their pleasant peepers, they are awarded the trait of most beautiful eyes.

Roy Taylor

Cynthia Thick

Amy Thomas

Angie Thomas

Mark Thomas

Adam Thompson

Brian Tomarchio

Caleb Trawick

Scott Trobaugh

Amanda Utz

Mathew Valle

Vanessa Vangel

CLASS HAIR

Anna Tapp

Todd McQueen

There are all types of hair: long, short, straight, and curly. Only a select few stand out among the rest. This year Todd McQueen and Anna Tapp were voted as having the best hair in the senior class.

In order to maintain their hair students wash, condition, cut, and occasionally add some color. Many students change their hairstyles often while others keep their hair the same. Anna and Todd both wear their dark hair long and natural.

Autumn Vincent

Christopher Vinyard

Corey Wallace

Timothy Wallace Jr.

Stacey Wampler

Clayton Warren

David Weathers

Melissa Webb

Nicole Webster

Andrew Welborn

Robert Wells

Matthew Werner

CLASS ATHLETE

Kara Coleman

Dustin Brewer

Kara Coleman and Dustin Brewer were selected as the athletes of the class of 1998. For four years, these athletes have invested time, dedication, and hard work into the sports at GCHS. These seniors have earned many honors and wins during their athletic careers.

Kara participated in basketball for four years, serving as captain this year. She also participated in softball all four years. Dustin played basketball and baseball his entire high school career. He also participated in soccer his freshman year.

Sarah White

Matthew Whitehead

Scott Whitehead

Vincent Whittenburg

Christopher Widel

Gretchen Wiegand

Jennifer Wielgus

Ashley Wilhold

David Williams Jr.

Jessica Williams

Karla Williams

Rocky Williams

CLASS FASHION

Holly Ryan

Lucas Geggus

Looking through the halls of GCHS, many different styles are seen. People wear JNCO jeans, slacks, sweatshirts, jeans, and skirts. Shops frequented by students range from the Gap to the Salvation Army. Many students wear casual clothes while others look like they belong on the cover of GQ or Cosmopolitan.

The most stylish seniors this year were Lucas Geggus and Holly Ryan. Regardless of the weather, they both come to school looking their best.

Justin Williamson

Angela Willis

Jennifer Willman

Gareth Wilson

Julie Wilson

Garth Wittman

David Wright

Jenna Wright

Shane Wright

James Yobby

Eric Yurcisin

CLASS PERSONALITY

Rebecca Bargiel

Dennis Holland

There are many qualities a person must contain to achieve success in their lives. The most important of these qualities is the development of a good personality.

Dennis Holland and Rebecca Bargiel are both friendly, caring, and have good morals. They deserve to be recognized as having the most outstanding personalities at Granite City High School.

HALL OF FAME

ARTIST	Jessica Mefford
MUSICIAN	Hillary Aerts
ACTRESS	Laura Nicol
SINGER	Sarah Garcia
MOOCH	Holly Ryan
DANCER	Beth Reiter
ALWAYS LATE	Holly Ryan
CLOWN	Kara Coleman
MANNERS	Sarah Fielding
FLIRT	Beth Reiter
SPIRIT	Dennetta Boyd
PARTIER	Sara Schwager
SLEEPER	Kara Coleman
GOSSIP	Sara Schwager
LEGS	Amy Monroe
CAR	Laura Nicol
TRUCK	Jennifer Willman
BROWN NOSER	Tarra Falter
GULLIBLE	Kelly Sparks
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Sarah Fielding
HEART BREAKER	Rebecca Bargiel

ROW 1: Kara Coleman, Beth Reiter, Dennetta Boyd, Sarah Fielding. ROW 2: Holly Ryan, Kelly Sparks, Hillary Aerts. ROW 3: Amy Monroe, Jennifer Willman, Sarah Garcia, Rebecca Bargiel.

HALL OF FAME

ARTIST	Christopher Babic
MUSICIAN	Casey Ashby
ACTOR	David Cook
SINGER	Mark Achenbach
MOOCH	Jason Dix
DANCER	Matthew Blaylock
ALWAYS LATE	Jonathon Burnett
CLOWN	Phillip Josh Hickam
MANNERS	Lucas Geggus
FLIRT	Matthew Blaylock
SPIRIT	Phillip Josh Hickam
PARTIER	Patrick Logan
SLEEPER	Matthew Gibson
GOSSIP	David Darling
LEGS	Rocky Smith
CAR	Rocky Smith
TRUCK	Dustin Brewer
BROWN NOSER	Phillip Josh Hickam
GULLIBLE	Mark Achenbach
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Timothy Dittman
HEART BREAKER	Rocky Smith

ROW 1: David Darling, Timothy Dittman, Patrick Logan, Casey Ashby. ROW 2: Mark Achenbach, Jonathon Burnett, Rocky Smith, Phillip Hickam, Dustin Brewer. ROW 3: Matthew Blaylock, Jason Dix, Lucas Geggus, Christopher Babic.

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Abbett, Jason M.
Abel, Robert D.
Achenbach, Mark National Honor Society, Science Club, Golf, Tennis, Foreign Language Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Basketball, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club
Adams, Eric C.
Aerts, Hillary J. Jazz Band, Concert Band, May Carousel, Marching Band, Environmental Club, National Honor Society, Science Club, ALPHA, Foreign Language Club, Tri-M, SADD
Aguilar, Joseph S.

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Allen, Angela M.
Armes, Jason W. Baseball, Ice Hockey Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Varsity Club, Chess Club
Arnold, Bradley
Arnold, Cheryl N.
Ashby, Casey L. National Honor Society, Science Club, Track, Tri-M, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, SADD, Marching Band
Atkins, Heather

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Babic, Christoph M.
Baehr, Jamie M.
Ball, Kristy L. Girls Glee Club, Swing Choir, Future Business Leaders of America, Adv. Mixed Chorus
Ballew, Erin M. Science Club, SADD, Spirit Club, May Carousel
Bargiel, Rebecca L. Student Council, Science Club, Homecoming Court, Spirit Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pom-Pons, Track, Environmental Club, Marching Band, May Carousel, Social Studies Club, Varsity Club
Barton, Brandi J. Science Club
Batson, Kimberly M.
Bauer, Dane C.
Baugh, Jr., Loren R.
Bazzell, Odoriea A.
Beckwith, Jeffrey R. High World, Winter Play, Spring Musical, Tri-M, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Chess Club, Marching Band
Bell, Leigh A. Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, May Carousel
Berryman, Kandy R.
Bishop, Joshua K.
Biver, Amanda R.
Blaylock, Matthew D. VICA, Science Club, Ice Hockey Club, Homecoming Court, Soccer, Environmental Club
Blind, Courtney A. Basketball, Warrior Yearbook, Science Club, SADD, Quill and Scroll, Photography Club, Environmental Club
Bohnenstiehl, Laurie M. Softball, Volleyball, SADD, Varsity Club
Bolling, Jessica M.
Borth, Jennifer M.
Boyd, Dennetta R. Spirit Club, Cheerleading, National Honor Society, Homecoming Court, Foreign Language Club
Boyd, Kamaryn T.
Brantley, Kelly M.
Brewer, Dustin M. Science Club, Baseball, Homecoming Court, Varsity Club, Basketball, Soccer
Briggs, Jamie D. National Honor Society, Science Club, Empathy, Environmental Club

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Brittain, Darrell L.
Brown, Aaron J. VICA
Brown, Amy S. Science Club, Spirit Club, Cheerleading
Brown, Crystal G. National Honor Society, Young Authors, SADD, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club, Future Educators Club
Brumley, Kirk A. Baseball, Football, VICA
Bruzaitis, Christoph
Buchek, Kevin R.
Buckingham, Kelli M.
Burkey, Eric T.
Burnett, Jonathon C. Homecoming Court, Varsity Club, Football
Burton, Ryan L. Young Authors, Winter Play, Spring Musical, Homecoming Play
Butler, Andria L. Girls Glee Club, Contando, Swing Choir, Adv. Mixed Chorus
Butler, Samantha M. Color Guard, Environmental Club, Future Educators Club, High World, Science Club, SADD, Future Health Occupations, Social Studies Club
Byrd, Joseph M.

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Callis, David S.
Cameron, Lesley M.
Camren, Jeremy S.
Carney, Joseph M.
Carpenter, Mark C.
Carson, Matthew S. VICA
Castillo, Alma D.

SUMMARY

Church, Joshua W.
Clark, Misty D.
Clemons, Brandy M.
Click, Tiffany C. Young Authors, Science Club, Contando, Swing Choir, Adv. Mixed Chorus
Cline, Jr., Anthony H.
Clutts, Christina M. Track, Varsity Club, May Carousel
Cochran, Ryan T.
Coerver, Matthew P.
Coker, Michelle L. Science Club, Track
Colbert, Shannon L. Tri-M, Concert Band, Marching Band
Coleman, John R.
Coleman, Kara L. Science Club, Softball, Ice Hockey Club, Fellowship of Christian, Varsity Club, Basketball, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club
Colp, William D. Track, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, VICA, Football
Colp, Jr., Gary W. Baseball, Concert Band, Tri-M, Basketball, Marching Band
Condray, Rene'e D. Adv. Mixed Chorus, Young Authors, Girls Glee Club, Contando, SADD, Swing Choir, Future Educators Club, Empathy
Connolly, Edward P. Thespians, Science Club, Cross Country, Individual Events, Track, Winter Play, Spring Musical, Homecoming Play, Varsity Club, Speech & Theatre
Converse, Robyn R.
Cook, David W. Student Council, High World, Science Club, Individual Events, Win With Wellness, Speech & Theatre, Winter Play, Spring Musical, Homecoming Play, Thespians
Cooper, Kathryn L. National Honor Society, Warrior Yearbook, Science Club, Photography Club, Quill & Scroll, Win With Wellness, Scholar Bowl, May Carousel
Cope, Amy E.
Cottrell, John W.
Crader, Ria R.
Crockett, Carrie L. Science Club, SADD, Empathy, Environmental Club
Crook, Scott D.
Curran, Kathryn A.
Czar, Mason M.

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Dacus, Jacob
Dallas, Jennifer L. Science Club, Softball
Damrath, Elizabeth
Darling, David J. Win With Wellness, Student Council, ALPHA, Homecoming Court, Track, Ethnic Club
Davenport, Amy N.
David, Melissa M. National Honor Society, Student Council, Science Club, Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, May Carousel, Environmental Club
Davis, Andrea M. National Honor Society, Science Club, Softball, Foreign Language Club, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club
Davis, Laura D. National Honor Society,

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ALPHA, Tri-M, Concert Band, Jets Team, Marching Band
Davis, Lyndsay H. Future Educators Club, Contando, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Color Guard, May Carousel, Marching Band
Denny, Natalie E. Science Club, Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading
Denton, Joseph M.
Dickerman, Meleea R. Science Club, Spirit Club, Photography Club, Environmental Club
Dillard, Christoph M.
Dittman, Timothy G. Science Club, Social Studies Club, Win With Wellness, National Honor Society, ALPHA, Jets Team, Math Team, Scholar Bowl
Dittrich, Matthew
Dix, Jason Baseball, Varsity Club, Football
Dockery, Amanda D.
Done, Joshua R.
Donohue, Keith W.
Dothage, Daniel E. Basketball, VICA, Social Studies Club, ALPHA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, SADD, Varsity Club, Football
Doty, Jessica L.
Douglas, Shakira M.
Dunnavant, Adame E.

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Easler, Gregory M.
Elliott, Steven J.
Ely, Erica R.
Evans, Christoph M. Football, Environmental Club
Evans, Connie L. National Honor Society, SADD, Concert Band, Marching Band, Future Educators Club
Evans, Lisa D.
Evans, Wesley M. Science Club, VICA
Eversole, Johnny P.

F

Falter, Tarra L. Debate, Color Guard, May Carousel, Speech & Theatre, Marching Band, Future Educators Club, National Honor Society, Science Club, ALPHA, Jets Team, Homecoming Play
Faulkner, Kimberly D. Science Club, Foreign Language Club, Softball, Environmental Club
Fedak, Kenneth M.
Feenstra, Wendy L.
Fielding, Sarah A. National Honor Society, Thespians, High World, Science Club, ALPHA, Future Health Occupations, Debate, Winter Play, Foreign Language Club,

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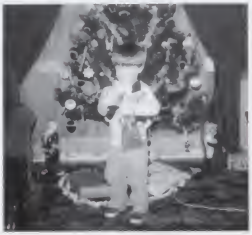

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Homecoming Play, SADD, Social Studies Club, Scholar Bowl, Speech & Theatre, Environmental, Spring Play, Win With Wellness, May Carousel
Finley, Christina D.
Finley, Genard E.
Fleck, Jamie L. High World, Science Club, Girls Glee Club, Volleyball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Speech & Theatre, Environmental Club
Foley, John E.
Foley, Matthew J. Golf, Tennis, Ice Hockey Club
Forister, Bryan W.
Fredericks, Rebecca
Fronabarger, John D. Football, VICA
Fyalka, Patrick R.

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Gandhi, Nirav J.
Garcia, Sarah E. Homecoming Court, Pom-Pons
Gardiner, Justin M. Science Club, Track, Varsity Club, Football
Garner, Jennifer A. Softball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Basketball, VICA
Geggus, Lucas A. Win With Wellness, Homecoming Court, Track, Varsity Club, Soccer
Gehling, Rebecca L. National Honor Society, High Word, Science Club, Homecoming Play, Win With Wellness, Future Health Occupations, Foreign Language Club, Environmental Club, Social Studies Club, Basketball
Georgeff, Bethany J. Science Club, Spirit Club, Environmental Club, May Carousel, Social Studies Club
Gerlach, Pamela K.
Gibson, Karl J. Girls Glee Club
Gibson, Matthew
Gieson, Gretchen D. Thespians, Individual Events, Winter Play, Spring Musical, Homecoming Play, Concert Band, Speech & Theatre
Gilley, Mark H.
Glover, Jason
Glover, Matthew R.

H

Hagnauer, Carrie A. Science Club, Softball, Spirit Club, May Carousel, Environmental Club
Haldeman, Joshua M.
Hamilton, Erik G.
Hamm, Julie A.
Hankes, Valerie A. National Honor Society, Girls Glee Club, Contando, ALPHA, Future Health Occupations, Win With Wellness, SADD, Swing Choir, Tri-M, Adv. Mixed Chorus, Social Studies Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Hard, Clifford A. VICA
Harper, Dena L.
Harper, Jenee R.
Harris, Robert C. National Honor Society, Science Club, Ice Hockey Club, Debate, Track, Social Studies Club
Hartman, Michael S.

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Goodrich, Amy N. Track, Spring Musical, SADD
Goodwin, Juannell C.
Grace, Trisha
Grady, Robert J.
Grafton, Johnathan W.
Graham, Steven D. Basketball, Soccer, National Honor Society, Science Club, Baseball, Tennis, Varsity Club
Gray, Amanda J.
Green, Shelly E.
Greer, Kimberly R. National Honor Society, Warrior Yearbook, Science Club, Softball, Photography Club, ALPHA, Quill & Scroll, Social Studies Club, SADD, Spirit Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, May Carousel
Grider, Loreli S.
Guenther, Amanda D.
Gwin, Nathan R.

Hasty, Lisa High World, Science Club, Volleyball
Hawkins, Matthew J.
Hayden, Jeffrey C. Baseball, Varsity Club, Football, Basketball
Hayes, Aaron M.
Hays, Kenneth D.
Heimick, Christoph J.
Hergert, Kevin E.
Herman, Joseph S. National Honor Society, Warrior Yearbook, Science Club, Tennis, ALPHA, Photography Club, Quill & Scroll, Math Team, Foreign Language Club, Jets Team, Social Studies Club, Scholar Bowl, Soccer, Environmental Club
Hickam, Phillip J.
Higgins, Joseph R.
Hildebrand, Joshua
Hill, Jennifer L.
Hilton, Alonzo
Hodgini, Thomas C.

Hoedebeck, Renae M.
Holland, Jr., Dennis P. Soccer
Hopke, Keith W.
Hopkins, Christa J.
Hopper, Justin A. Football, VICA
Hosty, Victoria J.
Huffstutler, Gary L.
Hunter, Mark E.

I

Ieppert, Jamie M.

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Jackson, Eric D.
James, Daniel S. Tennis, Winter Play, Spring Musical, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Social Studies Club
James, Donna M.
Janek, Jonas N. National Honor Society, Student Council, Homecoming Court, Wrestling, Varsity Club, Soccer
Johnsey, Jr., Warner E.
Johnson, Dustin P.
Johnson, Sarah A.
Jones, Deanna M.
Jones, Mandy M.
Jovi, Stephani F.
Judge, Megan N.
Justice, Joseph D.

K

Kacera, Paul J. Baseball
Kamadulski, Brian National Honor Society, Baseball, Basketball
Kaminski, Jason W.
Kaminski, Katherine A.
Karius, Trevor T. Win With Wellness
Keller, Matthew D.
Kelly, John G.
Kingsley, Angela E.
Kiselka, Gary R.
Kitson, Jr., Dale E.
Klee, Jeffrey S. Future Business Leaders of America, Cheerleading, Environmental Club, Computer Team, Student Council, High World, Science Club, Golf, Homecoming Court
Klug, Joseph E.
Knarr, Rachel M.
Knox, Karen R. Environmental Club
Koehler, Curtis L.
Koenig, Jason P.
Koerper II, Richard A. Young Authors, High World, SADD, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Koester, Christy M. Environmental Club, Science Club, Spirit Club, Track, Debate, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, Basketball
Kohenskey, Darlene M.
Kreher, Terry A. Science Club, Future Business Leaders of America
Kynion, Jason L.

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Laird, Jr., Jay S.
Lalla, Courtny A.
Landfried, Jason
Lasiter, Kerry C. Contando, Softball, Volleyball, SADD, Varsity Club, Basketball, Environmental Club
Leisner, Tanya L.
Lemaster, Jacob J.
Lemp, Christoph A. Empathy, Future Business Leaders of America
Levy, Eric J.
Lewis, Adina L. Science Club, Tennis, Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Computer Team
Lofink, Jeffery D.
Loftus, Bryan J.
Logan, Patrick J. Football, Track, Varsity Club
Lohman, Erica J. High World, Science Club, Girls Glee Club, Spirit Club, Cheerleading, Environmental Club
Loyet, Samantha L.
Lynn, Teresa M. Homecoming Court, High World, Science Club, Quill & Scroll, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Social Studies Club, May Carousel, Environmental Club
Lyons, Amanda C.

M

Manis, Traci L. National Honor Society, May Carousel, Warrior Yearbook, SADD, Photography Club, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club
Markel, Emily C. May Carousel, Science Club, Spirit Club, Basketball, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club
Markovich, Christoph
Martinez, Mary B.
Mathenia, Robert J. Science Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Computer Team

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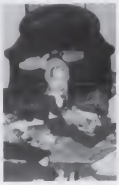

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Mathews, Jennifer C.
Mazzarella, William A.
McClery, Michael A.
McCunney, Joshua P.
McElroy, Angela
McGehee, Erin K. Thespians, Student Council, Winter Play, Swing Choir, Foreign Language Club, Spring Musical, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Concert Band, Marching Band, Color Guard, Adv. Mixed Chorus
McGuire, Jody W. VICA
McGuire, Kyle J. Cheerleading, Future Educators Club
McKinney, Jeremy
McKinnie, Peter R.
McMichael, Chad
McQueen, Todd R.
Mefford, Jessica N. Environmental Club, National Honor Society, Science Club, Volleyball, Debate, Social Studies Club, Soccer
Mennemeyer, Steven P.
Mercer, Daniel E. Wrestling, VICA, Speech & Theatre
Merritt, Amanda M. Science Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Computer Team
Messick, Amy L.
Meyer, Crystal D. Science Club, Ice Hockey Club, Spirit Club, Cheerleading
Meyer, Jennifer M.
Meyer, Melissa SADD, Spirit Club, May Carousel, Social Studies Club
Miller, Amy M. Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading
Modrusic, Jeffrey R.
Modrusic, Michael S. Science Club, Soccer
Mohsen, Ismahan M. National Honor Society, ALPHA, Debate, Soccer, Varsity Club
Moneymaker, Ryan A.
Monroe, Amy D. Softball, Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading
Monroe, Nathan C.
Morlen, Salina A. May Carousel, National Honor Society, ALPHA, Concert Band, Tri-M, Marching Band, Future Educators Club
Morlen, Stephanie K.
Mortenson, Ruth E.
Moseley, Mark A. Ice Hockey Club, Concert Band, VICA, Chess Club, Marching Band
Moss, Steve National Honor Society, Track, Cheerleading, Jets Team
Mouton, Carl K.
Moutria, Joseph E. Science Club, Debate
Mueller, Rebecca K. Science Club, Volleyball, SADD, Basketball, Social Studies Club, May Carousel, Environmental Club
Murphy, Craig R.
Myint, Raymond J.

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Nelson, Melissa R. National Honor Society, High World, Science Club, Tennis, Quill & Scroll, SADD, Foreign Language Club, Varsity Club, Social Studies Club, Scholar Bowl, Speech and Theatre, Environmental Club
Newman, Dwight A. Wrestling, VICA
Nickell, David G.
Nicol, Laura E. National Honor Society, Thespians, Science Club, Individual Events, Spirit Club, Homecoming Play, Spring Musical, Pom-Pons, Winter Play, Cheerleading, May Carousel, Speech & Theatre, Environmental Club
Novosel, Emily M. National Honor Society, Science Club, Ice Hockey Club, Spirit Club, SADD, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, Environmental Club
Nunes, Stacy R.

O

Offt, Ronald R.
Olson, Amee L. Future Business Leaders of America, Color Guard, Science Club, Girls Glee Club, SADD, Spirit Club, Computer Team, Marching Band
Orasco, Matthew L.

P

Papp, Jacquelin M.

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Passig, Heather Y. Science Club, Wrestling, Concert Band, Spirit Club, Marching Band, May Carousel, Color Guard
Patton, Leah F.
Paui, Stephen L.
Pellazari, Johnny L. VICA
Penberthy, Kevin J.
Perkins, Heather L.
Pickerell, William B.
Pilcic, Chad A.
Poonar, Neil Future Business Leaders of America, Computer Team
Ponder, Jillian B. Science Club, Softball, May Carousel, Environmental Club, Future Educators Club
Pope, Brandice L.
Pratt, Danyale M.
Pritchard, Jr., Robert J.

Q

Quigley, Mark S. VICA

R

Rangel, Rudy Baseball, VICA
Ray, Christoph D.
Raynor, Kristine A.
Reagan, Ryan S. Cross Country, Track, Basketball, Soccer
Reed, Jess F.
Rees, Rachel K. National Honor Society, Student Council, Science Club, Spirit Club, SADD, Foreign Language Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, May Carousel
Reiter, Beth A. Student Council, Science Club, Homecoming Court, Pom-Pons, Spirit Club, Social Studies Club, May Carousel, Environmental Club
Reynolds, Maggie M.
Ribbing, Kristin D. May Carousel, National Honor Society, Science Club, Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, Future Educators Club
Ribley, Johanna D. Color Guard, Future Educators Club, Science Club, Contando, Spirit Club, SADD, Future Health Occupations

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Richardson, Carmen C.
Richardson, Carrie L. High World, Homecoming Court, May Carousel
Ridgeway, Crystal L.
Rieger, Dustin W.
Rigsby, Shaun B.
Rinehart, Lisa M.
Ringling, Kathi L.
Rippee, Steven R.
Rippy, John A.
Robbins, Catherine E. Science Club, Spirit Club, Pom-Pons, Track, Cheerleading, May Carousel
Robbins, Nathan Q. Tri-M, Concert Band, Marching Band
Roberts, Christoff M.
Robinson, Crystal M.
Robison, Phillip M.
Roeder, Michelle A. Student Council, Color Guard, Marching Band
Ross, Kristie L. Social Studies Club, May Carousel, Environmental Club, Science Club, Volleyball, SADD, Track, Future Health Occupations
Rossi, Mario J. VICA

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Roth, Shannon E. Soccer
Rothe, Jr., Thomas J.
Rupcinski, Kara A.
Rushing, Brian K.
Rushing, Jaime J. Tri-M, Concert Band, Future Business Leaders of America, Marching Band, Environmental Club
Ryan, Holly E. Student Council, ALPHA, Pom-Pons, SADD, Varsity Club, May Carousel, Environmental Club

S

Saboi, Laura A. Ice Hockey Club, Spirit Club, Cheerleading, Speech & Theatre, Science Club, Environmental Club
Sanchez, Mark A. Soccer
Sawyer, Rory Warrior Yearbook
Schank, Erik M.
Schermer, Kathlynn B. National Honor

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Society, Student Council, ALPHA, Ice Hockey Club, Homecoming Court, Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, May Carousel
Schmedeman, Alan L.
Schwager, Sara E. Environmental Club, Math Team, Jets Team, Social Studies Club, May Carousel, Scholar Bowl
Sheppard, Bryan K.
Sheppard, Shaun M.
Simon, Timothy R. Baseball, Student Council, Track, Soccer
Siner, John A.
Sipes, Amber D.
Skalsky, Amy M.
Skinner, Joseph E.
Skinner, Melissa M.
Slattery, Marissa A. High World, Quill & Scroll, Track
Slecka, Rosanne M.
Slone, Dawn M.
Smallie, Scott D. National Honor Society, Baseball, Varsity Club
Smay, Kimberly
Smith, Dereck L.
Smith, Eric S.
Smith, James L.
Smith, Jeremy N.
Smith, Kiesha Girls Glee Club, Contando
Smith, Melissa S. High World, Science Club, Softball, Tennis, Homecoming Court,

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Quill & Scroll, Spirit Club, Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, Varsity Club, Basketball, May Carousel, Environmental Club
Smith, Rocky L.
Smothers, Katie J. Win With Wellness, Homecoming Court, Track, Color Guard, May Carousel
Sollberger, Kristin L. Quill & Scroll, Photography Club, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club, National Honor Society, Warrior Yearbook, Science Club, Softball, Ice Hockey Club, Spirit Club
Solomon, Megan M. High World, Science Club, Girls Glee Club, Contando, Winter Play, Quill & Scroll, Homecoming Play, Win With Wellness, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, SADD, May Carousel
Soltani, Amanda Science Club, SADD, Spirit Club, May Carousel, Environmental Club
Sorenson, Laura M.
Sparks, Kelly L. Science Club, Ice Hockey Club, Tri-M, Cheerleading, Concert Band, SADD, Marching Band, Environmental Club
Staggs, Mindy L. Science Club, Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, Environmental Club
Stagman, Daniel L. Social Studies Club
Stajduhar, Andrew J.
Stanfill, Stephanie L.
Stewart, Laura D.
Stone, Michael H. National Honor Society, Science Club, Varsity Club, Football, Social Studies Club
Strubberg, Leanna J. Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, Speech & Theatre
Sumpter, Christoph D. Thespians, Warrior Yearbook, Science Club, Individual Events, SADD, Debate, Photography Club, Quill & Scroll, Winter Musical, Homecoming Play, Environmental Club, Speech & Theatre, Social Studies Club
Sutphin, Doug
Switala, Sonya
Symons, Melissa A.

T

Tankersley, Jaime M. Future Business Leaders of America
Tankersley, Sarah E.
Tapp, Anna P. National Honor Society, Student Council, High World, Volleyball, ALPHA, Spirit Club, Quill & Scroll, Varsity Club, Basketball, May Carousel
Taylor, Amanda

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Taylor, Georgia J.
Taylor, Roy T.
Thick, Cynthia D. Science Club, Spirit Club, Concert Band, Marching Band
Thomas, Amy L. National Honor Society, Warrior Yearbook, Science Club, Spirit Club, SADD, Photography Club, Quill & Scroll, Social Studies Club, Environmental Club
Thomas, Angie M. May Carousel, Photography Club, Color Guard, High World, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Thomas, Mark R.
Thompson, Adam P.

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Tomarchio, Brian K.
Trawick, Caleb A.
Trobaugh, Scott A.

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Utz, Amanda L. Science Club, Environmental Club

V

Valle, Mathew M.
Vangel, Vanessa J. National Honor Society, Concert Band, Marching Band
Vincent, Autumn R. SADD, Spirit Club, May Carousel
Vinyard, Christoph J.

W

Wallace, Corey M. Soccer, Varsity Club, Science Club, SADD
Wallace, Jr., Timothy P. Baseball, Varsity Club, Football, Basketball
Wampler, Stacey L. Color Guard, May Carousel, Marching Band, Science Club, ALPHA, Spirit Club, SADD, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Warren, Clayton J.
Waters, Floyd B.
Waugh, Wendy R.
Weathers, David J. Track, SADD, Spirit Club, Football, Varsity Club, VICA
Webb, Melissa L. Varsity Club, Cheerleading, May Carousel
Webster, Nicole L.
Welborn, Andrew S.
Welsch, Stephanie A.

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Werner, Matthew S. Science Club, Wrestling
Westbrook, Regina M.
White, Donald W.
White, Sarah M.
Whitehead, Matthew A. Concert Band, SADD, Chess Club, Marching Band, Environmental Club, High World, Science Club, Tri-M, Jazz Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Whitehead, Scott A. High World, Cross Country, ALPHA
Whittenburg, Vincent T. Baseball, Ice Hockey Club
Widel, Christoph M.
Wiegand, Gretchen M. Track, May Carousel, Future Educators Club, National Honor Society, Cross Country, SADD,

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Wielgus, Jennifer A. Science Club, Girls Glee Club, Contando, SADD
Wilbur, Christoph A.
Wilhold, Ashley L. Win With Wellness
Wilkinson, Julie A. Swing Choir, Adv. Mixed Chorus
Williams, Jenna N.
Williams, Jessica M.
Williams, Karla A. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, SADD, Scholar Bowl, Environmental Club, National Honor Society, Debate, Foreign Language Club
Williams, Rocky D.
Williams, Jr., David L.
Williamson, Justin R. Football, Varsity Club
Willman, Jennifer L. Spirit Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleading, Basketball, Soccer, Environmental Club
Wilson, Gareth S.
Wilson, Julie N. Volleyball, Cheerleading, Basketball, May Carousel
Wilson, Tamela D.
Wimberly, Robert K.
Wittmann, Garth
Wright, David E. Young Authors, Thespians, Science Club, Individual Events, SADD, Homecoming Play, Track, Spring Musical, Winter Play, Football, Speech & Theatre, Environmental Club
Wright, Jenna L. SADD, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Quill & Scroll, Photography Club, Varsity Club, Social Studies Club, Win With Wellness, National Honor Society, Warrior Yearbook, Softball, Volleyball, ALPHA
Wright, Shane M. VICA
Wright, William J.

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Yobby, James J.
Yurcisin, Eric D.

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1. Christopher Sumpter. 2. Heather Passig and Laurie Bohnenstiehl. 3. Sarah Fielding. 4. David Cook. 5. Carrie Hagnauer. 6. Mrs. Carolyn Toeniskoetter's first grade class at Niedringhaus School. 7. Daniel Stagman. 8. Jason Dix. 9. Laura Sabol, Erin Ballew, Melissa Smith, Amy Davenport, Lisa Sabol. 10. Jillian Ponder. 11. Traci Manis. 12. Bethany Georgeff. 13. Mindy Staggs. 14. Sara Schwager. 15. Robert Harris. 16. Mark Achenbach. 17. Steven Graham and Joseph Moutria. 18. Michael Stone. 19. Kathryn Cooper. 20. Meleea Dickerman. 21. Emily Novosel. 22. Laura Nicol. 23. Kathlynn Schermer. 24. Lyndsay Davis. 25. Holly Ryan. 26. Dustin Brewer & Paul Kacera. 27. Jenna Wright. 28. Erica Lohman. 29. Salina Morlen. 30. Kerry Lasiter. 31. Emily Markel. 32. Becky Gehling. 33. Stacy Nunes. 34. Lesley Cameron. 35. Amanda Soltani. 36. Melissa Nelson. 37. Casey Ashby. 38. Melissa Smith.

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Robert Beausejour
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Charles Berra
Crystle Bierschwal
Misty Bird
Kelly Biver
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Lillian Brooks
Patricia Brooks
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Jessica Brown
Jason Bryant
Andrea Bukovac
Amanda Burch
Leah Burgess
Jonathan Burns

Brandon Butkovich
Stephanie Cain
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Dawn Callender
Lisa Campbell
Donald Cardin

ALL THE KING'S FANS

The King is no longer with us, but his memory lived on in Memphis during Elvis Week 1997. The week long series of events ran from August 9 to 17, featuring programs and performances at the Presley home, Graceland, and the Memphis area.

There was a series of events, including an Elvis Art Contest, an Exhibit, a concert, and even a five-kilometer run in honor of the King. The week also included the International Elvis Dance Party where participants listened to Elvis music as they danced the night away to 'Jailhouse Rock', 'Love Me Tender', and other classic Elvis tunes.

The news media and loyal fans from all over the globe were there to capture the week's activities on film. Special broadcasts featured on cable stations showed Elvis impersonators walking and entertaining fans. Also the first Elvis Presley's Memphis Restaurant opened at 126 Beale Street. Fans waited for up to two hours to enter and taste some of Elvis' mom's favorite recipes. The recipes, of course, included fried bananas and peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate cake, cornbread, and deep-fried catfish.

The week closed with the annual Candlelight Vigil on August 15 at Graceland. Elvis Presley Boulevard was closed to traffic for the memorial, which began at 9 p.m. Graceland remained open until dawn the next day, at which time approximately 30,000 devoted Elvis fans passed by his grave site to pay their respects.

The King may not physically be with us today, but his memory lives on with each new generation of Elvis impersonators. Long live the King's memory.

Tiffany Carmack
Dane Carney
Honesty Carpenter
Rebecca Carpenter
Denise Carroll
Crystal Cavins

Tonya Chambers
Jeremy Champion
Tara Chapman
Bobbie Chastian
Breann Chastian
Kirsten Chrismer

Earl Clark
Joseph Clark
Chrissy Clifton
Sandra Coad
Gregory Cochran
Shaun Coffman

Jason Cohrs
Danielle Cole
Jeremiah Compton
Josh Compton
Sean Cook
Maranda Coryell

Nicole Counsell
Sean Courtney
Jason Cousins
Amy Cox
Jondalyn Coziar
Jesse Cross

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1. Christopher Sumpter holds a menu from Elvis Presley's Memphis Restaurant. He also does a good imitation of the King of Rock n' Roll. 2. Mitchell Goldenberg, Jamie Raub, and Sean Foote all love Elvis.

Joshua Crowell
Jennifer Culpepper
Megan Curran
Kathleen Curtin
Vanessa Curtis
Kenneth Cuvar

Kimberly Cuvar
Shannon Cuvar
Michael Dahmm
Brian Davis
Dennis Davis
Jessica Davis

Joshua Davis
Martha Day
Paul Deason
Catherine Decourcy
Sara Decourcy
Ryan Denny

Gina Denson
Mark Derossett
Bradley Devors
Andrea Dillard
Elliot Dine
Elizabeth Dittman

Danny Dixon
Michael Dixon
Matthew Dodd
Linda Dohnal
Barbara Dorris
Kellie Douglas

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1. Tanya Pulley always enjoys to start her day by reading the Horoscope section of the Post-Dispatch. 2. Gabriela Briagas, Honesty Carpenter, and Lyn Harper each located the Horoscope section of the paper they read everyday.

Natasha Douglas
Wallace Drennan
Charles Duckworth Jr.
Robert Dudley
Eynon Dunn
Christina Dunnavant

Kory Dunnavant
Arnaud Dupaquier
Sarah Eaton
Thomas Elledge
Nancy Ellington
Jamie Ellis

Stacy Ellis
Rebecca Ellsworth
Kristen Ely
Melanie England
Amy Ethington
Richard Ethington

Ryan Evans
Valarie Feezel
Francis Ferguson
Brandi Ficker
Jamie Fields
Theresa Fingers

Sheryl Fishcer
Amanda Fisher
Rachel Flanigan
Jenny Flood
Amanda Flora
Lisa Flowers

MAYBE SO, MAYBE NOT

Some students like to know what is going to happen to them before it happens. To find out this valuable information, they turn to the Horoscope section of the newspaper. If the newspaper does not give enough information, they may purchase a zodiac book to learn about themselves and their friends.

They're anxious to learn about the upcoming day, get ready for new and exciting experiences, and get prepared to meet that 'special' person.

Some adults read the horoscope section to get their lucky numbers for a big lottery win. Others read it to get some free financial advice to help them make decisions throughout the day.

Juniors at this school were asked to share their opinions regarding their faith in the written predictions. Here's how they responsede:

"I'm a Cancer and I read the horoscopes for fun just to see what they say about me." — Lonnie Slone

"I read them just to see if they turn out to be true. Half the time they're right." — Sherri Freeman

"I don't believe in them. Besides I'm a Taurus and I drive a Chevy Caprice." — Jacob Kamphoefner

"I don't believe in them. I'm too laid back to be a Taurus." — Aaron Long

"Well I guess I believe in them. I look up my horoscope everyday, especially in magazines." — Amanda Patton

"I read my horoscope everyday." — Rachel Flanigan

"No, I do not read or look at horoscopes. They never come true. Where's my dream man and my fortune?" — Madrigal Vorce

Amanda Foley
Ian Foley
Sean Foote
Misti Ford
Debralle Foreshee
Kelly Fortune

Christopher Fowler
Orville Fowler
Sherri Freeman
Terry Fritts
Daniel Gaines
Michelle Gall

Leah Gamblin
Shannon Gergen
Annlouise Gibson
Honesty Gibson
Sarah Gieson
Miya Gilleland

Tisha Gilliam
Jonathan Goeller
Mitchell Goldenberg
Estanisla Gonzalez
Jennifer Goodyear
Michelle Gorges

Amy Goskie
Kristopher Goss
Johnathan Grafton
Timothy Graham
Angelique Gray
Joanna Greenspan

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1. The afternoon building trades class ventures off to their job site. 2. The social studies club makes a stop at Planet Hollywood as part of their field trip.

Beth Gregus
Casey Grieve
Anthony Guithues
Brianna Hacke
Lea Haddix
Ryan Haddix

Eric Hahn
Sara Halbrook
Justin Hale
Brandi Hamilton
Trisha Hamilton
Peggy Hammond

James Hancock
Janelle Hankes
Alicia Hansen
Lyn Harper
Amanda Harris
Craig Harris

Daniel Harris
Tiffany Harris
Tommy Hart
Alicia Hartin
Jeffrey Hassell
Thomas Haymaker

Hardin Haynes
Julia Hayes
Kristen Heam
Arthur Heck III
Gregory Heintz
Stephen Hendrickson

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Students always look forward to taking field trips while attending high school. It gives them a chance to see some of the educational material and displays they have been learning about throughout the year.

Some of the art classes go on a trip to the Art Museum. They learn that 'art' is not just pictures on a wall. They receive a history of art in class and then venture to the museum to see the paintings and sculptures first hand. The trip gives more meaning to what was once just words on a page.

The Vocational Building Trades students take a trip to the house that they are building each day. It's not really a field trip like other students take, but the boys and girls leave the campus each day to build a house that will eventually be sold by the school district to a prospective homeowner.

When asked about their field trip experiences, juniors had this to say:

"I like being able to see something or some place that I normally wouldn't be able to see." — Ryan Moenster

"My favorite part of the Art Appreciation field trip was getting to see all the neat things in the Art Museum." — Robyn Slater

"The best thing about going on a field trip for me is missing my classes." — Breann Chastain

"I like hanging out with my friends for a day on field trips." — Nicole Wania

"The greatest part of field trips has to be the educational experience involved." — Colin Anderson

"After a field trip, it's always fun to brag to your friends who were stuck at school." — Katie Serrano

"If you haven't had one, you wouldn't know." — Steve Kirkpatrick.

"It's like a field trip everyday when you're in the Vocational Building Trades program. I like the class, but sometimes it's cold and wet. I don't like it when it's cold, because it's hard to work." — Richard Ethington

Jay Henry
Donald Hewitt III
Amy Hicks
Tahisha Hicks
Jason Hileman
Bonnie Hill

Sabrina Hogan
Matthew Holman
Demarco Holmes
Aaron Howard
Natasha Howell
Patrice Howell

Amber Hubert
Tommy Hughes
Sara Hull
Terry Hull
Jessica Huniak
Philip Huniak

Amber Hunt
Jeremy Hunter
Bradley Hutchings
Elizabeth Hutchins
Jeffrey Ignatz
Nealie Ingram

Pamela Irby
Steven Ishum
Christopher Jackson
Jennifer Jackson
Jerry Jackson
Phillip Jaime

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1. Foreign Exchange student Franziska Paessler from Germany. 2. Arnaud DuPaquier is attending GCHS from France. 3. Karla Williams participates in an internship with the Illinois state legislature.

Nichole Jateff
David Jobe
Brandy Johnson
Candice Johnson
Charlene Johnson
David Johnson

Karen Johnson
Lee Johnson
Marc Johnson
Paul Johnson
Amanda Jones
Dara Jones

Robert Jones
Noma Jordan
Benjamin Judd
David Justice
Racheal Kalogerou
Danny Kamadulski

Jacob Kamphoefner
John Kampmann
Kristi Kampmann
Emilee Karlechik
Scott Kaufmann
William Kee

Jori Keener
Jason Kelsaw
Michael Kendall
Elsin Kessler
Elizabeth Killian
Bryan Kilman

SO FAR AWAY

Not everyone can be a foreign exchange student. It takes hard work, patience, and being able to adjust to a totally different environment. This year, the two exchange students are Arnaud DuPaquier from France, and Franziska Paessler from Germany. Both of them are in their junior year at this school, although Arnaud has already graduated from his high school in France.

Arnaud's home in France is near the Mediterranean Sea, about 40 minutes from Spain. He lives in Bompas, a small village with approximately 7,000 people. Franziska lives in Glauchau, in the state of Saxony, on the east side of Berlin. They both speak French, English, and Spanish, and Franziska also speaks German.

Since America is different from their two countries, each of these students had comments about their likes and dislikes about the USA. Arnaud said he likes "the girls," and Franziska said she likes the idea of "total strangers will come up and talk to you." They each agreed that their worst fear was "gaining weight from the American food."

Although they both agreed the American classes are much easier than back home, they both still like school a great deal. Arnaud admitted that his most memorable experience since he's been here was his field trip with his Foods class. Franziska said that she loved working in the office around what she called the "big wigs."

Both of the students miss their family, and admit that it was hard to get used to their new families. Franziska has an older sister and a younger sister. She lives with the Vorce family in Granite City this year, who have one daughter and two sons. Her German parents are deaf, so she had to get used to being around a great deal of noise.

Arnaud lives with both parents and one brother in France. During the first half of this year he lived with the Snelson family who have two daughters. During the second half of the year, he joined the Schwearjohns who have two sons.

Arnaud and Franziska may have only been a small part of this high school, but GCHS played a big part of their lives. They both said they would definitely miss the friends that they made this year. Arnaud said that he would miss talking to Becky Bargiel, and Franziska said that she would miss the American holidays. Good luck and have a happy bon voyage at the end of this school year.

Xiaoyuan Zhang joined us the second semester. She is from China. We all welcome her to GCHS.

Louann Kinworthy
Steven Kirkpatrick
Alisha Kleuskens
Kenneth Knott
Timothy Knowlton
James Knox

Elizabeth Kohenskey
Anthony Komoromi
Jaqualin Kramer
Mark Krause
Pamela Krupco
Sean Kuehnel

Justin Kuenkler
Tyler Kulasza
Joseph Laird
Julian Landeros
Tiffany Lapeire
Jason Lemler

Matt Levart
Angel Lindsay
Kenneth Lindsey
Aaron Lindsey Long
Tonya Lingenfelter
Benjamin Lofink

Daniel Lopez
Ryan Lux
Kenneth Lynch Jr.
Brandee Macko
Jennifer Malady
Amanda Mance

THE NEW ENVIRONMENT

Ever since the renovation of the high school began in 1995 students have experienced working in many different types of environments and conditions. Many classes have had to switch rooms several times.

This year some parts of the building were air-conditioned, creating a new environment for students. Some students think the construction is an inconvenience but others don't mind it and look forward to the luxuries of an improved school. Some of the things that have changed due to the progress of the renovation include air-conditioning, new rooms and windows, and new desks and tables that are not to be written on without severe punishment.

Nichole Smith appreciates the drinking fountains. "The new drinking fountains have cold water and I like it." We also have new lockers this year. When students received their schedules at the beginning of the school year they were allowed to choose the area of the building in which their locker would be located. The new lockers are smaller than the old ones, approximately half the size. Because of the increased number of lockers, students do not have a locker partner.

The Student Media Center is also an accomplishment that can be enjoyed by everyone at the school. The materials in the Media Center are organized, computerized, and easily accessible. As time goes on more improvements will be made and the students will become better acquainted and adjusted to everything. Everyone looks forward to the end of the renovation and the qualities of a better school.

Natasha Mangiaracino
David Margrabe
Anthony Marler
Kate Marshall
Hilary Martin
Kristopher Martin

Terrance Mathews Jr.
Carissa Mathis
Steven Mayes
Danny McCallister
Shelly McCallister
Lauren McCauley

Danielle McCosky
Jeremy McCoy
Allyson McDowell
Steven McElroy
Rebekah McGuire
Derrick McMillan

Justin Meagher
Brian Melson
Matthew Mercer
Jennifer Merz
Theodore Millas
Elizabeth Miller

Jennifer Miller
Stephen Miller
Julie Mills
Michael Mize
Cheyenne Modglin
Ryan Moenster

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1. Lisa Flowers cools down as she takes advantage of the new air conditioning system. 2. Brian Melson sits among the many books in the Media Center.

Felicia Mohsen
Alisa Monroe
Melissa Montgomery
Zebulon Moore
Craig Mooshegian
Angela Morris

Matthew Morris
Donald Moseley
Donna Mosley
Jennifer Mosier
Sharon Moss
Jamiyl Mouton

Charles Moxey
Karen Munger
Dustin Murphy
Julia Murphy
Zachary Myint
Holly Nail

Jaclyn Nail
Brooks Narvaez
Amanda Needham
Tamra Nelson
Amy Newman
Ernest Nicholas

Nathan Nichols
Jeremy Niemeyer
Cara Nighohossian
Cassie Nighohossian
Gary North Jr.
Katherine Norton

SWEET DREAMS

"Dreams are rudiments of the great state to come. We dream what is about to happen." If this ever proves true, then some of us are in for a treat.

Many times when one has a dream, it is easily forgotten. It usually takes something very unusual to occur in a dream for it to invade a spot in the memory. The junior class was asked to describe their weirdest dream. These were their responses:

"I once had a dream about Mickey Mouse and he chased me down the street." — Miya Gilleland

"I had a dream that I rode a roller-coaster to Mongolia."
— Amanda Taylor

"I dreamt that I was chasing a snake into the woods for hours and never caught it. I eventually gave up and began to leave the woods when a bigger snake chased me, caught me, and wrapped itself around my neck. I woke up in a panic and found my pet snake around my neck."
— Robert Jones

"My weirdest dream was that I was at the grocery store and all the doors locked without notice. I was stuck there all night and so of course I ate all the food I wanted. I loved every minute of it." — Hilary Martin

We often tend to brush off our dreams never really taking the time to try to understand what they actually mean. Dreams are actually very entertaining not only when you are asleep but also when you are awake. Sweet dreams.

Larry Obermeier
Kim Odom
Alfred Pace
Kelly Padgett
Xiomara Padilla
Franziska Paessler

Charles Papp
Jesse Parker
Melanie Parrish
Amanda Pashea
Nicholas Patrick
Dirk Pearman

Kristina Pearson
Amy Pennell
Derek Penrod
Kyle Penrod
Dewayne Percy
Angela Perdue

Jason Peters
Rebecca Pierce
Angela Potter
Derek Powers
Sherry Presswood
Shannon Pruett

Tanya Pulley
Amanda Ragan
Kevin Ragsdale
Anthony Randazzo
Jayla Ratchford
Jamie Raub

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1. Ryan Haddix dreams about meeting the Simpsons. 2. Candice Johnson, Elizabeth Dittman, Kristin Stovall, Melissa Montgomery, Robyn Slater, and Amanda Ragan dream of the good grade they will make in their class.

Tiffany Redden
Crissy Reed
Steven Reed
Dominic Rees
Sherita Reinhardt
Matthew Reiter

Angela Restoff
Jeffrey Reynolds Jr.
Becky Richmond
Christopher Richter
Jimmy Rickert
Carissa Ridenour

Benjamin Rippy
Benjamin Roberts
Jeremy Roberts
Ambera Robinson
Kristi Robinson
Amanda Rodgers

Lisa Rodgers
Rafael Rodriquez
Andrew Ronk
Dustin Rosenburg
Matthew Roustio
Robert Ruan

Danny Ray Rushing
Clayton Rydgig
Lisa Sabol
Camille Sanders
Gregory Sarich
Angela Sawyer

COLOR MY WORLD

While walking in the halls of the high school, you take notice of the variety of hair colors. Students not only sport the common shades of brown or black, but come up with a combination of these colors. It is not uncommon for students to color their hair blue, green, yellow, orange, or purple. A few students even have multi-colored or color-streaked hair styles.

What intrigues these students to change their hair color so drastically? Some like to change the color to be different, while others like to imitate their favorite movie or rock star. A few, however, do it just to see what they would look like in another spectrum of color.

Some of the juniors were approached with this question. Their comments varied as much as the hair styles and colors seen at GCHS.

"Some people color their hair for attention or to fit in, but other people actually want to see what it looks like on them." — Bradley Hutchings

"People bleach their hair blond because blonds have more fun." — Leonard Wilson

"The purple, pink, and blue have got to go." — Amy Pennell

"I prefer green myself." — John Ahlers

"I don't think I could do something as bold as dying my hair bright blue or something. Besides, it would ruin my hair's health." — Elizabeth Weatherly

"If people want to express themselves by making their hair strange, exotic colors, then let them do it." — Christina Brand

Whether hair coloring is attractive or just the thing to do, the many colors add variety to a normal hallway. It also gives students a chance to display their creativity and artistic talent.

David Schallert
Dean Schannot
Adam Schillinger
Kevin Schmidt
Suzanne Schmidt

Valerie Schoolfield
Steven Schroeder
Virgil Scott
Ross Sedlacek
Tonya Seger
Dustin Sendejas

Katie Serrano
Ronald Shafer
Jan Shanafelt
Joseph Sharp
Timothy Shelton
Blake Shepard

Michael Shomaker
Raymond Shrum
Kari Shup
Jane Signall
Cory Simpson
Michael Simpson

Christopher Singleton
Jeremy Skaggs
Robert Slater
Robyn Slater
Lonnie Slone
Stephanie Smiddy

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1. Katie Serrano puts some finishing touches on Blake Smith's hair. 2. Charles Atkins likes the long-hair look. 3. Tonnie Washington, Angel Lindsey, Ronald Shafer, and Richard Ethington have different hair preferences.

Blake Smith
Katie Smith
Katrina Smith
Nichole Smith
Richard Smith
Russell Smith

Daniel Solomon
David Soomro
Kera Spreitler
Christine Spudich
Dimana Spudich
Dawn Staggs

Benjamin Starko
Elizabeth Stell
Laura Stille
Justin Stone
Andrea Stovall
Kristin Stovall

Amanda Strahan
Brooke Streicher
Jason Stroder
Shannon Strong
Sarah Sullivan
Krystal Swain

Gary Tadlock Jr.
Emily Taff
Rebecca Talley
Brandi Tate
Amanda Taylor
Amanda Taylor

OUT OF THE GAME

Many students at GCHS participate in the sports program. Whether it be soccer, football, or cross country, students always want to do their best. Even after learning the proper way to practice, exercise, and play the game, sports injuries occur.

If for some reasons a students gets an injury during their playing season, Tate Merten is there for them. He is GCHS's trainer. He decides if a student is able to continue playing the game and how long it will be before the student returns to playing the game. "Being a trainer is a very rewarding job and I would not want to work anywhere else," Tate says.

The following statements are from some of the juniors who had the misfortune of being injured and how they reacted to their injuries.

"I hurt my wrist playing tennis. You can't do everything you did before.' — Amanda Pashea

"I injured my head my freshman year in basketball." — Monica Widel

"This year I jammed my finger in a football game, and it made it hard to catch the ball." — Sean Kuehnel

"A sports injury is the worst thing that can happen. My injury set me back a whole year and caused me to sit out when I was a sophomore." — Brandon Williams

"The pain I felt having my ankle twisted at a softball game was terrible.' — Jan Shanafelt

"I would much rather have bad knees than go through another one of Tate's rehab programs!" — Bill Kee

"I had a knee injury in football. I didn't like it because I couldn't walk straight or use the stairs without help." — Jason Borisch

"I pulled a muscle playing basketball. The hard part about being injured was not being able to play with the team." — Debra Aaron

"During football season I sliced my wrist on an opponent's helmet and also suffered a concussion. The injures cost me playing against Collinsville." — Joseph Laird

John Taylor
Kristen Taylor
Melissa Theis
Cynthia Theiss
Benjamin Thompson
John Thompson

Tionia Thompson
Katherine Thornton
Nicolette Tilson
Dana Timmons
Christopher Tindall
Jaime Towery

Bethany Town
Amanda Townzen
Kristin Trunnell
Robert Tucker
Tara Tullock
Ronald Turnbough

Amy Turner
Joshua Turner
Catherine Utz
Timothy Vandaveer
Joshua Vanvleet
Brian Vaughn

Charles Vaughn
Emily Vaughn
Kevin Venne
Madrigal Vorce
Christopher Voss
Natalie Voss

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1. Sarah Gieson demonstrates a sports injury. 2. Linda Dohnal remembers when she was injured while she was on colorgurad. 3. Brian Melson shows what it would be like to have a knee injury.

Erica Walker
Ronald Wallace
Niccole Wania
Alysha Ward
Steven Ward
Tonnie Washington

James Watson
Elizabeth Weatherly
Mike Weis
Jonathan Weiss
Laura Weissenborn
Denny Wells

Matthew Wells
Andrew Werner
Linda Werner
William Werner
Stephanie Wesbrook
Angelica Westbrook

Jerod White
Josh White
Lisa White
Bryan Whited
Leslie Whittington

Monica Widel
Kellie Wilkinson
Lauren Wilkinson
Brandon Williams
Dena Williams
Jamie Williams

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1. Dimana Spudich and Christine Spudich each have their own Planet Hollywood VISA card. 2. Members of the Social Studies Club visit the St. Louis restaurant. 3. Madrigal Vorce and Nicholas Zotti give two 'thumbs up' for Planet Hollywood.

Michael Williams Jr.
Steven Williams
Wesley Williams
Joseph Willis
Kyle Wilmsmeyer
Gareth Wilson

Leonard Wilson III
Theresa Wilson
Corey Winfield
Daniel Winkle
Becky Wood
Ricky Woodard

Crystal Woolverton
Jason Worthen
Ryan Worthen
Crystal Wright
Hollie Wright
Regina Wright

Matthew Yarbrough
Jeremy Yeager
Amy York
Michael Young
Tiffanie Young
Nicholas Zotti

THE HOLLYWOOD FAN CLUB

One of the most popular shirts worn by the students of this high school is Planet Hollywood. It only compares in popularity to the Hard Rock shirts sported by loyal Hard Rock Cafe followers.

There are Planet Hollywood restaurants all over the USA and world wide. The first one opened in New York City and now St. Louis can claim its spot in restaurant history.

Planet Hollywood-St. Louis officially opened its doors to the public on Saturday, October 25. People from St. Louis and the surrounding area crowded the restaurant curious to see all the movie history displayed inside. Many of the on lookers visited the restaurant for the first time. Others have globe trotted all over the world eating some of the restaurant's famous entrees and desserts inspired and created by the superstar owners.

The following comments are the comments of some juniors and experiences at their favorite restaurant location.

"I went to Planet Hollywood in London, England. It was neat, because they had a lot of things from famous people there." — Lauren Wilkinson

"I went to the Planet Hollywood in Washington D.C.. It was an exciting atmosphere. I can't wait to go to the Planet Hollywood they are building in St. Louis." — Julie Mills

"Planet Hollywood in Phoenix was great. I look forward to going to the new one in St. Louis." — Nicholas Zotti

Panet Hollywood in Orlando was very nice. It's right next to Pleasure Island. Both places were full of beautiful women." — Jimmy Rickert

"I went to Planet Hollywood in Hollywood. It was neat." — Cassie Nighohossian

"The Planet Hollywood in the Coconut Grove area of Miami Beach was very nice. They had costumes from all of my favorite movies, and it wasn't a long wait to get in. It was also located in a unique part of town." — Christine Spudich

"I went to Planet Hollywood in Chicago. I liked it." — Julie Murphy

"I went to Planet Hollywood in Nashville, and they had celebrities lip prints all over the wall. I took a picture of Tom Cruise's lips." — Jessica Huniak

"The Planet Hollywood in Boston was my favorite of all the ones I've visited. It took us forever to find, but when we did, it was worth it. I ordered the ebony & ivory brownie" — Dimana Spudich

"I went to the Planet Hollywood in London, England. It was really neat to see the handprints and signatures of famous actors, and actresses on the walls." — Cory Simpson

"Planet Hollywood has great chicken fingers." — Mitchell Goldenberg

"I went to the Planet Hollywood in Washington D.C.. It was fun to see all of the props from good movies." — Philip Huniak

SOPHOMORES

Matthew Thomas

CLASS OF 2000

Jason Aaron
Heather Accardi
Heather Ackerman
Jacob Adams
Johnathan Adams
Jamie Alexander
Joshua Anderson

Ryan Armes
Samantha Ashby
Brittany Ashford
Kevin Atkins
Greggory Avants
Larry Avery
Kelly Baehr

Christina Ballard
Ryan Ballew
Jason Barker
Samantha Barker
Jacquelin Barron
Nicole Barron
Samantha Barton

Amanda Barunica
Nicholas Bast
Jessica Bathon
Jessica Bauer
Kasey Baum
Andria Baxter
Sara Baxter

Joshua Beavin
Crystal Becerra
Crystal Beck
Maya Becton
Brenda Belden
Patrick Bell
Janelle Belles

Kimberlee Bennett
Randy Bergfield
Kristin Bernaix
Rickey Bettis
Terry Biggs
Tonya Biggs
Amy Bilderback

Megan Bilyeu
Jason Bivens
Dacia Blackwell
Isom Bledsoe
Renata Blunt
Brian Bogovich
Kenneth Bone

Deanna Booker
Jodi Boone
Kristen Borchers
Nicholas Bortz
Courtney Bosworth
Erin Boyer
Holly Bradshaw

Todd Brady
Stephanie Brake
Gloria Briagas
Chad Bridgeman
Kyle Bridges
Brett Briggs
John Brock

Amy Brooks
David Brooks
George Brooks
Daniel Brown
Danielle Brown
Paul Browning
Kevin Buckingham

Mark Buckingham
Andrea Buerk
Brandi Burden
Christian Burkett
Joshua Burkett
Sarah Burris
Michael Bush

Katherine Bushue
Renee Busse
Amy Byrd
Lesa Byrd
William Cahill
Christie Callender
Justin Cann

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1. Katrina Loyd, Kachenia McMullen and Latosha Loyd have a unique 'double-dutch' talent. 2. Alan Williams has an unusual juggling talent.

William Cappel
Misty Cardin
Richard Carney
Melissa Carpenter
Kevin Carroll
Donald Caughron
Kelli Cavness

Michelle Chandler
Michelle Charbonnier
Ammee Chepely
Sarrah Cheung
Daniel Cholevik
Jamie Christopher
Randy Christy

Tanya Chronister
Candi Cigelski
Angela Clark
Billy Clark
Sarah Clark
Celeste Clayton
Anthony Click

Michael Cline
Melissa Cloninger
Robert Clyburn
Sean Cochran
Jacquelin Colter
Matthew Cook
Michelle Copeland

Patrick Copeland
Anthony Copper
Adam Courtney
Marissa Cox
Brian Crippen Jr.
Elisa Crockett
Lindsey Crook

ISN'T THAT AMAZING?

Can you juggle flaming torches, walk on your hands, or play the piano with you toes? Everyone has some hidden talent which makes them stand out from the rest.

The sophomore class is full of unique talent. They were pleased to share their unusual abilities when asked that talent they have that makes them unique.

"We can blow bubbles off our tongues." — Lauren Mill and Joi McNeish

"I can make my tongue touch my nose." — David Taylor

"I can talk like Donald Duck and make cat noises." — Joshua M. Anderson

"One unique talent that I have is, I can pop my knee out of place." — Matthew Nicholas

"Our strange talent is double dutch." — Kachenia McMullen and Latosha Loyd

"I can make my tongue look like a butterfly." — Sarah Kirkpatrick

"My only strange talent is walking on my hands." — Joshua Burkett

"I can lay on my stomach and touch my feet to my head." — Jodi Boone

"My unique talent is juggling." — Alan Williams

"My strange talent is pulling my foot over my head." — Amber Lofink

"My strange talent is that I am double jointed in my thumbs. I can bend them all the way back." — Mary Lofink

"My toes are double jointed and they can go forward." — Katherine Speece

"My strange talent is doing the Macarena with my tongue." — John Dimitroff

Keith Crow
Stephanie Cupples
Amanda Cuvar
Theresa Dalton
Samareia Darling
Angela Davidson
Crystal Davis

Debra Davis
Randall Davis
Robert Davis
Ryan Davis
Amber Dawdy
Timothy Dawes
Joann Dawson

Adrea Dayton
Jody Dehart
Holly Derossett
Jason Dickerson
Daniel Dill
Timothy Dillard
John Dimitroff

Justin Disbro
Keri Dix
Clara Dixon
Mark Dodd
Nathan Donohue
David Doolen
Joshua Doty

Emily Douglas
Mindy Dowdy
Bridget Downs
Tabatha Duff
Joshua Duffield
Sherri Dunlap
Tiffany Dunn

A "B" OR NOT A "B"

Is there a right way to study? Many students wonder if their way of studying is the correct way. Many students ask themselves the question, "How do I study?" When studying there are many factors that effect how meaningful the studying time is.

First, where to study? Students should study in the same place all the time. The place should be comfortable with good lighting. Also, sitting straight up is helpful. Lying down causes the brain to relax and slow down. The desktop should be clear of any materials that you are not using. Also, the area should be quiet or you may lose your concentration.

Second, taking notes in class is very helpful. There is plenty of information given during a lecture that is not included in the textbook. Before each class, review these notes to refresh your memory and to keep up with the curriculum so you may participate in classroom discussion. Before an exam, review the notes, along with reading the text.

Third, read all of the assignments. Writing down important ideas as you read is helpful. When you read be sure to catch all material that relates to the topic but disregard all irrelevant material.

Lastly, how to take a test. Read all directions carefully before answering any questions. Then, try to pace yourself. Take a minute to relax. Answer all questions you know first. Then, answer questions that require some time and thought. At the end of the test, check over your answers.

There are many different styles of studying. Each individual student should practice the technique that works best for them.

Jason Eaton
Bradley Ebersohl
Kimberly Ebrecht
Demetrius Edmond
Lisa Edwards
Andrew Elliff
David Elliff

Kevin Elliott
Michael Elliott
Jason Ellis
Jamie Elmore
Andrew Ely
Rebecca Emery
Joshua Enoch

Charles Enzwiler
Melissa Essington
Laura Etherton
Inge Evans
James Evans
Kellie Evans
William Farmer

Jesse Faulkner
Christina Felton
Camille Fensterman
Timothy Ferguson
Jason Fernandez
William Ficor
Daniel Fields

Dawn Files
Jamie Finch
Christopher Flanigan
Jason Flaugher
Jessica Fondren
Katie Forrester
Alaina Forys

1. Emily Worthen finds a quite place to study. 2. Jamie Dix practices her studying techniques before attempting a major test.

Justin Fraley
Megan Francis
Julia Fuhrman
Sarah Fultz
Christina Gabriel
Roger Galbraith
Gavin Gann

Nicholas Garcia
Scott Gardner
Emily Garofoli
Susan Gauvin
Christina Geahlen
John Gensert
Melissa Gerber

Michelle Gibson
Zachary Giese
Jennifer Grable
Cody Gray
Michael Grebenick
James Greer
Heather Grindstaff

Lester Grobe
Jesse Gruber
Brandy Guenther
Nicholas Gwin
David Hagston II
Ronda Hall
Dawn Halley

Justin Hamilton
Daniel Harper
Sarah Harris
Joshua Harrison
Joshua Harrison
Theresa Hatley
Catherine Haverman

THE BEST BARGAINS

Outlet malls are becoming very popular among high school students. Many of fashion's top designers have opened stores in outlet centers nationwide, making their clothing available at a fraction of the regular price. There is no other shopping environment where the buyer can find an entire store devoted to a single name brand or designer label.

Missouri is host to several outlet centers, the closest being the Belz Factory Outlet Mall in Wentzville. Others include Warrenton Outlet Center, Sikeston Factory Outlet Stores, and Factory Outlet Village at Osage Beach.

Some sophomores have decided to get more for their money by shopping at outlet malls. They consider bargain shopping as one of life's greatest pleasures, and here's why:

"I like to shop at my favorite outlet mall in Warrenton, Missouri. It's cool to shop at different places to get different kinds of clothes and odds and ends." — Sara Rinehart

"My favorite outlet mall is in Warrenton. It has great stores."
— Jessica Wallace

"Osage Beach is an excellent outlet mall because it has great stores and awesome prices." — Jessica Bathon

"The Fila outlet store is the best because Fila is the best." — Sarah Burris

"I don't like to pay a fortune just to buy name brand clothes. At the outlet malls you can get name-brand clothes for a decent price." — Stephanie Brake

"It's ridiculous to buy a $65 pair of jeans, when you can buy them for $30 in the Tommy Hillfiger outlet store."
— Alaina Fory

Michelle Haverman
Christopher Havron
Kara Haymaker
David Haynes
Derick Hays
Joey Hays
Lindsay Heath

Shawn Heck
Jason Henderson
Robert Henderson
Torrie Henderson
Mandeline Hendricks
Kimberly Hendrickson
Kyle Hensley

Candice Herin
Joseph Hersom
Marian Hersom
Jeremy Hickam
Bobby Hicks
Candice Hildreth
Courtney Hitt

Aaron Hoback
Amanda Hodge
Jeffrey Hoffman
Franklin Hollenbeck
Jeffery Holliday
Kate Hollis
Michael Holthaus

Amanda Holtsford
Amber Hopper
Douglas Horton
Carl Hozian
Jessica Hubler
Christopher Huitrado
Ernest Hume

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1. Jessica Partney and Nathan White enjoy saving money at outlet malls. 2. Sarah Burris and Deanna Booker keep informed of the newest outlet mall openings.

Billie Hunt
David Hunter
Erica Ingram
Kathryn Isom
Eugenia Isreal
Travis Isreal
David Jackson

Matthew Jackson
Jeanna Janek
Patrick Jarman
Sarah Jarrett
Michael Jasudowicz
Jamie Jateff
Jeffrey Jerden

Katara Jobe
Amanda Johnson
Amy Johnson
Arthur Johnson
Brandy Johnson
Joseph Johnson
Michael Johnson

Brandi Jones
Crystal Jones
Jamie Jones
Justin Jones
Tracie Jones
William Jones
April Jordan

Natalie Judge
Kristen Kaiser
Laura Kamadulski
Erik Kambarian
Holly Kampmann
Alicia Karns
Christopher Kayich

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1. Matthew Cook gets some practice typing so he knows how to sign onto the internet. 2. Kendra White knows how to chat on the internet when it becomes available to her.

Richard Keith
Ian Kessel
Jennifer Kessler
Clifford Kinnunen
George Kirgan
Sarah Kirkpatrick
Natasha Kite

Laura Kohenskey
Kristin Koleff
Timothy Kosuge
Jeremiah Kovar
Amy Krieshok
Alexandra Krinski
Angela Kromraj

Sarah Kuhn
Randal Kunkel
David Kyle
Sarah Kyle
Phillip Lancaster
Kristen Lance
Brian Lane

Jeremy Lane
Christopher Lapeire
Katie Lathrop
Tammera Lee
Julia Lemaster
Christopher Lemler
Lindsay Lerch

Rachael Levault
Christopher Lewis
Eric Lewis
Misty Lewis
Stephen Lewis
Antwon Lindsey
Jessica Lloyd

SURFING THE NET

Cyberspace is one of the newest, hottest, and most popular places to explore. Computers with high speed modems and direct access to the internet, World Wide Web, and on line services such as America Online, are becoming more and more common in homes today.

Many students enjoy spending time in chat rooms and talking with people from all over the United States. Years ago, passing the time away consisted of shooting marbles, listening to the radio, or visiting the local hamburger restaurant. But today, surfing the net or cruising along the web is not only a pastime, but for much of today's youth it's part of a daily routine.

With just a few clicks of the mouse you can pull up a website on your favorite rock group or flip through your favorite magazine. Information on any topic is easily found and the possibilities are endless. Other things you can do while signed online include shopping, checking stocks, and sending and receiving e-mail. As time goes on, the use of the internet will be even more common and offer new things of the future. Many sophomore students like to use their computer as a pastime. These were their comments:

"I get on line to check and send e-mail." — Jessica Partney

"My favorite thing to do is visit chat rooms." — Justin Warren

"My favorite thing to do on line is go into chat rooms and start arguments with people." — Sean Cochran

"When I get on line I like to send instant messages and start conversations with people." — Theresa Hatley

"I like talking to people from different parts of the country." — Robert Meszaros

"I like to get updated on my soap-opera, Days of Our Lives." — Billie Jo Hunt

Amber Lofink
Mary Lofink
Jacob Loyd
Latosha Loyd
Sarah Luehmann
Melissa Lueke
Brian Madison

Michael Malzynski
Kristina Mangi
Michelle Marquis
Brandy Martin
Kate Marzluf
Phillip Matoesian
Christina Matyas

Stephanie Matyas
Amanda May
Zachary May
Devin Mayes
Kachenia McMullen
Erin McCauley
William McElroy

Crystal McGlawn
Dwayne McKee
James McKee
Chad McKinney
Heather McMillian
Jarod McMillian
Joi McNeish

Nicholas McSpadden
George Meade
Rachel Means
Joshua Meers
Joshua Mefford
Megan Mehelic
John Mell

CABLE COMMUNICATION

What's to watch on television tonight? This question is repeated in the minds of students every evening as they sit in front of their electronic viewing box and wonder what to flick onto its screen. There is such a variety of channels and programs to select from, making it almost impossible to decide what you would like to spend the next few hours watching.

Assuming you have cable, the first order of business might be Channel 3, the Preview Channel. This gives you the variety of programming in just a few minutes. Maybe the evening calls for a little music. This can be found on either VH1 or MTV. If cartoons is what you want, turn on either the Cartoon Network or Nickelodeon. For those who wish to revisit times gone by, watch your favorite classic sitcom on Nick at Nite or TV Land, which even shows classic commercials. These stations offer a wide variety of old shows; such as Mary Tyler Moore, The Fall Guy, and the all-popular A-Team.

Cable networks offer a wide variety of movie channels. For the latest hits, turn to HBO, Showtime, The Movie Channel, or Cinemax. When a classic movie is in order, turn to American Movie Classics.

For the sports fanatics, ESPN is the place for you. The major networks, NBC, CBS, ABC, and Fox, also overload weekend viewing with everything from football to figure skating.

For those who like to stay current with world and national affairs, there is CNN. The Weather Channel lets the viewer know the current temperature in Istanbul, if they so choose.

For those whose tastes have not been addressed, don't worry, there is something out there for you. Cable offers enough variety for everyone, from Pope John Paul to Madonna.

Christopher Mertz
Andrew Messina
Robert Meszaros
Joshua Middleton
Joshua Milam
Lauren Miller
Lindsay Miller

Michelle Miller
Arthur Miller III
Joseph Million
Robert Mitchell
Jessica Mitcherson
James Moniz
Larry Monroe

Della Moore
John Moore
Nathanial Moore
Jeremy Morris
Krista Morton
Bryan Moseley
Mark Moulton

Ronald Moussette
Kasandra Muniz
Charles Nagy
Dennis Narvaez
Amy Neidhardt
Belinda Newman
Jason Newman

Matthew Nicholas
John Nicol Jr.
Scott Niggli
Jennifer Noeth
Aimee Nyers
Jennifer O'Bear
Derrick Oliver

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1. Students attempt to watch Headline News, their favorite cable network broadcast. 2. Tracie Jones gets ready to turn on the television to see what's playing.

Kera Olson
Kathryn Oney
Jeramy Oswald
Carrie Overturf
Jennifer Overturf
Timothy Owens Jr.
Julie Padgett

Harrison Padgett Jr.
Harry Painter
Jeremy Parey
Jessica Partney
Jessica Paschedag
Rebekah Patterson
Joshua Peacher

Joshua Pellazari
Victor Peralez
Tanya Percy
Keith Perigo
Justin Peters
Thomas Petrillo
Clint Phillips

Ladonna Phillips
Sara Phillips
Jeremy Piel
Matthew Pistorius
Elizabeth Pool
Lisa Portillo
Calvin Powell

Phillip Powel
Deron Powers
Sara Poznanovich
David Price
Donnie Pugh
Shelly Pulaski
Joshua Pyles

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1. William Witt and his opponent get ready to play ping-pong. 2. Nicholas Garcia enjoys weightlifting in his free time. 3. George Kirgan enjoys wrestling all the time.

Jason Rainwater
Jacob Rangel
Andrew Ravanelli
Tabitha Ray
Eric Rea
Jessica Reader
Michael Reagan

Emily Richardson
Bobby Rider
Sara Rinehart
Kristopher Riskovsky
Robert Roberts
Daniel Robinson
Simon Rodriquez

Justin Roehr
James Rogers
Mikalene Romanitis
Kathryn Ronk
Elizabeth Rooney
Dustin Ross
Christina Rother

Kimberly Ruan
Kristen Rupcinski
Amber Russell
Kira Ryan
Matthew Salzman
Tara Sander
Crystal Sanders

Ernest Sawyer
Scott Schardan
Richard Scharf
Elizabeth Schildman
Jeffrey Schlecht
Bobbie Schneedle
Rory Schneider

FAVORITE SPORTS

Sports are a major part of American society. Millions of people can be found sitting on their couch watching sports every weekend. There are the common sports that people participate in at the professional, college, and high school levels. These sports include football, soccer, hockey, baseball, tennis, volleyball, basketball, and softball, just to name a few. There are also many other sports that have not gained as much worldwide popularity, but nevertheless have a loyal following.

Many students here at GCHS participate in these uncommon activities. These students may not even tell anyone about their sports. You may have an expert ping pong player sitting next to you in history, or your biology lab partner may be a figure skater. When asked, several sophomore students had this to reveal about their favorite outside school activities.

"I can barefoot water ski. I learned how about two years ago. Although, I have been skiing since I was about five years old." — Julie LeMaster

"Ping pong is the greatest sport ever. In my personal opinion they should have a team." — Justin Peters

"I learned to roller skate when I was six, and ever since then, I've been competing. It's fun because you get to travel around the United States." — Erin McCauley

"I am a figure skater. I started when I was eight. I also love to teach little kids how to skate." — Sarah Burris

"I wrestled for Team USA in the World Championships and I wrestled for Team Illinois in the United States Nationals." — George Kirgan

Jennifer Schreiber
Jamie Schubert
Frank Schwaller
Denis Schwierjohn
Julie Scott
Shena Scrum
Jennifer Seago

Beth Seibold
Daniel Selph
Kristin Setser
Nathan Severine
Clarence Shemwell
Cory Shemwell
Mary Shepard

Chad Sherlock
Robert Shipley
Matthew Shrum
Bradly Sipes
Travis Skaalerud
Richard Skirball
Nathaniel Slate

Jamie Slattery
Jonathan Slay
Justin Slay
Ashley Slover
Lora Smallman
Amanda Smith
Barbara Smith

Christopher Smith
Deanna Smith
Melinda Smith
Mickey Smith
Zachary Smith
Timothy Snell
Jennie Snelson

WELCOME RACE FANS

The Gateway International Raceway went under recent renovations, bringing new and more exciting races to the St. Louis area. No longer does the track only hold small amateur races. It now features events such as the Winston Cup Indy Series, and Busch Pro-Stock races.

These types of races are big attractions, and draw crowds of 50,000 race fans. To accommodate these huge crowds there is an enormous grandstand stretching over a thousand feet along the straightaway.

The track itself is an exciting place for race fans to gather. The first major race at the track was the inaugural Gateway 300 Indy race. It was a beautiful day, the race was exciting, and the fans were treated to a completely unique and successful day.

The second Busch Series race did not go nearly as well. Temperatures climbed to over 100-degrees. This heat combined with the heat from tire friction caused the track to crumble. As a result many of the drivers lost control of their cars, putting them out of the race.

The drivers were not the only ones suffering from the immense heat. Many spectators were sent to the hospital due to heat related illnesses. The tracks coordinators are making adjustments so that this does not occur again.

Despite the tracks early problems improvements are constantly being made and fans can expect many more exciting races to speed into the St. Louis area at the Gateway International Raceway.

Jessica Snider
Kathleen Southerland
Christina Sowell
Justin Sparks
Katherine Speece
Kimberly Speece
Ryan Spiroff

Ryan Stagner
Amanda Stephens
Deeanne Stern
Melissa Stewart
Jeremy Stone
John Stordahl II
Michael Stowell

Jessica Stratman
Steven Stratton
Carl Stucke
Brandi Stufflebean
Karen Suess
Hae Won Suh
Ty Suhre

Stephanie Summers
David Svezia
Michael Switala
Timothy Swyear
Gary Tadlock
Jeremy Tankersley
David Taylor

Glenn Taylor Jr.
Matthew Thomas
Patrick Thomas
Brandi Thompson
Richard Tipton
Erika Todd
Joseph Topal

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2

1. Tom Blaha and Kristen Hearn slowly pull out of the parking lot and dread joining the street racers. 2. Crystal McGlawn and Nicholas Bast practice, practice, practice, before they get their real car.

Kimberley Trobaugh
Robert Trower
Kristina Trucks
Shaun Tubbs
Marie Tudor
Krystal Turnbough
Christina Valencia

Emily Vance
Marla Vansickle
Amber Vasiloff
Andrea Vasquez
Renee Vaughn
Kathryn Vivod
Nicole Voss

Joseph Waeltermann
Tonya Walker
James Wallace
Jessica Wallace
Rebecca Wallace
Curtis Walsh
Shaun Ward

Sabrina Warden
Justin Warren
Joseph Watkins
Joseph Weaver
Stacey Weinkein
Melissa Weiser
Amanda Werths

Dustin Wesley
Scott Whipple
Kendra White
Melissa White
Nathan White
Rachel Whitehead
Shana Whitford

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1. Justin Fraley and Alexandra Krinski hold a 25th anniversary ticket. 2. Ernest Sawyer, Franklin Hollenbeck and Jeremian Kovar display Disney souvenirs. 3. Cinderella's castle as the 25th anniversary cake.

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Jamie Widel
Eric Wienhoff
Coy Wilhelmy
Alan Williams
Brian Williams
Casandra Williams
Trevor Williams

Chad Wilson
Michelle Wilson
Nicholas Wilson
Bobby Witt
Vanessa Womack
Amy Wood
Anna Wood

Jason Woodson
Robert Woolen
Sarah Woolverton
Emily Worthen
Emily Worthen
Jessica Worthen
Eric Wright

Monique Wright
Rebecca Wright
Heather Yates
Kenneth Yeager
Aaron Zamkus
Amanda Zaring

MAGICAL TRANSFORMATION

Twenty-five years ago, Walt Disney World in Florida opened its doors to the public. Mickey Mouse and all the other Disney characters were there to greet the first guests to arrive on the property. It was a magical day.

This year marked the 25th Anniversary year of the park. All returning guests received a badge with the year they first experienced the magic of Disney. They would wear it throughout the day and maybe, by chance, be selected as an honorary participant in the afternoon parade (weather permitting).

Guests also saw the magical transformation of Cinderella's Castle into the world's largest Anniversary birthday cake. The pastel-colored cake remained as is until the end of 1997. Cinderella returned to her castle home in January 1998 when the cake was transformed back to its original majestic form.

People from all over the world spent their vacation and holiday time with Mickey and his friends this year to remember the magic. Included in the millions who visited were some GCHS employees. Following are some of their magical moments.

"My family and I all had our picture taken with our favorite character, Jasmine. The food was good and the resort we stayed at was right on the property, which was very convenient. The castle was beautiful as a cake. It was expensive, but worth it, because my little girl loved it." — Mike Garland

"I went in 1976, and going again on the 25th anniversary was like night and day. There were so many more hotels. Disney World has gotten so large that Disneyland can fit into its parking lot. — Steve Hamilton

"The Tower of Terror was my favorite ride. I loved when the bottom dropped from under you. Disney World has grown so much since I was there last. My daughter and I couldn't do it all in five days. It was a wonderful mother/daughter vacation." — Barbara Schmedake.

"We took a family vacation there and the kids loved the Magic Kingdom. Hercules' characters dominated the parades. The castle was redone in a candy cake theme and it was a nice change. The lines were long and the weather hot and humid; but it was worth being there for such an anniversary. — Amy Heath

"I went in 1972 when Walt Disney World opened, in 1997 on its 25th anniversary, and 12 other years in between. In the past, there were no big hotels, or large crowds. You could view the Magic Kingdom in one day (since EPCOT was not yet built), and have time left over. This year, Cinderella's castle appeared as a large birthday cake, the crowds got larger, the weather hotter, the lines got longer, the prices higher, and everyone walked in the rain as usual for 1-2 hours in the afternoon. We'll go back again for the 30th anniversary and try to remember the magic." — D.P. Spudich

FRESHMEN

Emily Staicoff and Jennifer Humphreys

CLASS OF 2001

William Adelsberger
Jordan Aerts
Joshua Aguilar
Elizabeth Aleman
Thomas Alich
Melissa Allan
Christi Allison

Keri Allison
Jennifer Ambuehl
Jessica Andersen
Greg Andrews
Sarah Angerillo
Phillip Arnold
Amanda Atchley

Jennifer Austin
Steven Bailey
Andrew Balcer
Ashley Barker
Tabitha Barkley
Ronald Bamett
Amy Bamhart

Daniel Bass
Stephanie Baugh
Sarah Beasley
Nellie Beausejour
Chad Beckemeyer
Jeremiah Beckley
Misty Bell

Ronica Bell
Nicole Bellman
Joey Berg
Lydia Bettorf
Kevin Birks
Glenn Black Jr.
Laura Blankenship

Amber Blattner
Andrew Blaylock
Ashley Bogovich
Trinetta Bolds
Rector Bolin
Rebecca Bolling
Sunny Bolt

Christopher Bolton
Leslie Bone
John Bonvicino
Amanda Boone
Amanda Boone
Bradley Boone
James Boone

Jernell Borders
Franklin Borkowski
April Borth
Jessica Borth
Rachel Bowen
Scott Bowers
Jason Brandon

James Brankov
Larry Brantley
Amanda Briggs
Scott Bronnbauer
Gary Brooks Jr.
Denette Brossett
Aaron Brown

Nicole Brown
Mindy Bryant
Misty Bugg
Lindsay Bulva
Gregory Bulva Jr.
Ashley Burdge
Andrew Burton

Nathan Bush
April Bushman
Kenneth Buskirk
Terry Butler Jr.
Amanda Byrd
Raina Byrd
Ashley Bywater

Eric Calbreath
Jessica Caldwell
Laura Canada
Scott Carney
William Carpenter
Brian Carr
Lisa Carson

WHEN I GROW UP . . .

Being in high school has good parts: the respect, the freedom, the friends with cars. Unfortunately, being in high school also has a down side. We all have to say goodbye to those great things that we used to be young enough to do, like watching the Smurfs and Fraggle Rock before school, or not having to go to school at all, playing at the McDonald's playround, having a club where no girls were allowed, building a fort under the kitchen table, or dressing up in mom's clothes and acting like a princess. Everyone misses their younger days.

When freshmen were asked about their fondest memory from way back when, here's what they said:

"I miss nap time and snacks in grade school. I also miss playing tag." — Lauren Miller

"I miss not having many responsibilities." — Stacie Foster

"I loved recess where I could go outside and play on the monkey bars. I miss all the nice teachers, too." — Heather May

"I miss not having to care about getting dirty." — Elizabeth Aleman

"I miss being able to go to Showbiz Pizza. (The original Showbiz, not Chuck E. Cheese's.) It was so much fun and now you can only watch." — Amanda Corder

Most students agree they would not go back to being a small child, being older has too many benefits. Even with those benefits, it is hard not to miss those carefree days of the past. As singer/songwriter Babyface once said in a song, "It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday."

Rodney Carter
Jamie Cassiday
David Cattani
Janet Caudell
James Causey
Brian Chandler
John Chapman

Arthur Chastain
Daniel Cheung
Martha Christiansen
Walter Christiansen
Barry Church
Amber Clark
Angela Clark

Jeffrey Clark
Kristina Clark
Laura Clark
Kevin Claypool
Amanda Cline
Heather Coats
Nicholas Coats

Kyle Cobb
Zachary Cochran
B.J. Coffelt
Kristen Colson
Michael Colter
John Compton
Jennifer Conaway

Jennifer Conrad
John Cooper
Matthew Cooper
Amanda Coppotelli
Amanda Corder
William Cornwell
Renee Cortez

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1. Joe Haas and Shanna Keel don't want to grow up. They both enjoy the freedom of being young. 2. Cathy Reibold explains the Weather Bear to youngster Brandon Henson.

Amanda Coryell
Crystal Cox
Jonathan Cox
Sheena Crader
Nicole Cripps
Amy Crites
Nicole Crites

Andrea Crook
David Crouch II
Stacey Curless
Tallin Curran
Gerald Curtis
Nicholas Cuvar
Franziska Davis

Sarah Davis
Tara Dawson
David Deak
Jessica Dean
Jessica Dennis
Matthew Detoy
Jon Dickerson

Nathan Dickey
Jennifer Dilday
Autumn Dillion
Angela Dolosic
Christopher Dorris
Cortez Dotson
Elizabeth Doty

Sarah Doty
Jessica Drennan
David Dresch
Jeremiah Dudley
Jessica Duffield
Brandy Dugan
Ralph Dunlap

A WHOLE NEW WORLD

For incoming freshmen, the high school is a big transition from middle school. Many freshmen have not seen anything close to what they encounter upon first entering the high school. In high school, students tend to be more expressive in how they dress and act. The environment itself is different in many ways as well, from the crowded halls to the renovation. These are just a few of the elements that add to the shocking experience for freshmen.

When a few members of the class of 2001 were asked about the things that have shocked them, this is how they responded:

"It shocks me that I am not the only person in the school who likes Marilyn Manson." — Tabitha Barkley

"I saw someone who had yellow and blue hair and it matched his outfit." — Freddie Layne

"The Drum line." — Denise Mueller

"I think that the cafeteria is the most shocking thing at high school. The music and food selection make it so unique." — Christopher Gregory

"I think the most shocking thing is how many people can fit in one hallway." — Lindsay Foster

"The outrageously dressed people." — Robyn Fields

"How many people run around with spikes in their hair." — Sarah Angerillo

"The good looking girls." — Thomas Alich

"The good looking guys." — Nichole Bellman and Kristen Osborn

"A student with a top hat, combat boots, and a trench coat." — Scott Bronnbauer

Sean Dusky
Jessica Earhart
Craig Edwards
Jamie Edwards
Kelly Edwards
Michael Eichacker
Melissa Elliott

Phillip Elsner
Tina Evans
Jason Evenden
Emily Falter
Jacqueline Farrell
James Feldmann
David Felton

Jonathan Ferry
Bernice Fields
Edward Finazzo
Kimberly Fingers
Phillip Fitzhugh
Danny Forguson
Victoria Forshee

Crystal Fortmann
Manuel Foschiatti
Ashlee Foshee
Lindsay Foster
Stacie Foster
Patrick Fowler
Sara Fox

Jonathan Franko
Jacqulyn Fredericks
Jason Freeman
Christopher Gaddie Jr.
Alicia Gaines
Nicholas Gaines
Quawana Gary

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1. Joshua Reyes is looking for something in his soda. 2. Amanda Boone lets James Tapp know he is entering the wrong door.

Nicole Gaudreault
Jamie Gavilsky
Michelle Gerber
Steve Geroff
Jeremy Gesang
Chelsey Goins
Jennifer Goodrich

Jonathan Goodyear
Rachel Grady
Marty Graham Jr.
Bobby Grammer
Cassidy Grant
Nicole Gray
Christopher Gregory

Joesid Gresham
Robert Griffin
Stacie Griffith
David Griffiths
Jacquelyn Grimes
Kelly Grimes
Kristina Groboski

Trudy Grooms
Raechel Gutierrez
Ross Hackethal
Erin Haddix
Michael Hagnauer
April Hagopian
Brandon Hagston

Joseph Hahs
Brian Haldeman
Jared Hall
Joseph Hamm
Jayme Hanner
Jeffrey Hard
Chaz Hardesty

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1. Dustin Jayne and Andrea Crook begin to taste a strange bubbling drink. 2. Tiffany Kovach, Jacqulyn Fredericks, Jonathan Lohman, and Nolan Pittman are ready to experiment some strange items.

Jon Harley
Jessica Harper
Michael Harper
Richard Harper
Stacie Harper
Jolene Harris
Cindy Hart

Jennifer Hartwick
Carla Haug
Jamie Haug
Benjamin Hayes
Jonathan Hayes
Rodney Hayes Jr.
Cassie Hays

Laura Hays
Robert Hays
Jodi Heiple
Crystal Hendrix
Lindsay Hendrix
James Herendeen
Lindsay Herman

Amber Heuser
Mary Hicks
Tiffany Hicks
Kristin Hill
Brian Hodgini
Jason Holik
William Holland

Christina Holman
Joshua Holman
Aaron Holmes
Angela Homyer
Roy Hooker
Eric Hooper
Scott Horrell

GREEN EGGS AND SPAM

Have you ever sat down to eat your favorite meal or snack and had someone say, "I cannot believe you are eating that!" Actually, it is a quite common statement. Elvis Presley, for example, is famous for his fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches. You might be inclined to say, "How disgusting!", but have you ever tried it? The freshmen class gave some interesting responses when asked what strange foods were their favorites.

"The strange food that I like is peanut butter, bananas, and captain crunch peanut butter cereal on a slice of bread and butter with a little bit of strawberry jam. It tastes delicious." — Sarah Davis

"I like chocolate covered crickets. It's a good snack." — Rachel Mortenson

"The strange food that I like is mixing vanilla extract in my scrambled eggs with ham in it. It tastes great." — Ronald Barnett.

"The strange food that I like is fried squid. It tastes like French fries." — Jessica Duffield

"The strange food that I like is barbeque chips with peanut butter and pineapples. It tastes gooey, sweet, and a little spicy." — Nicole Love

"The strange food that I like is rice with chocolate chips in it. It tastes like rice and chocolate." — Carly Lasiter

"I like peanut butter, mayo, cheese, bologna, and sometimes pickles, on a soft taco shell. It tastes great." — Jessica Harper

"I like these little eyeball looking things called michio. It's a Japanese food that tastes like a mixture of macaroni and cheese and spaghetti." — Jeremy Gesang

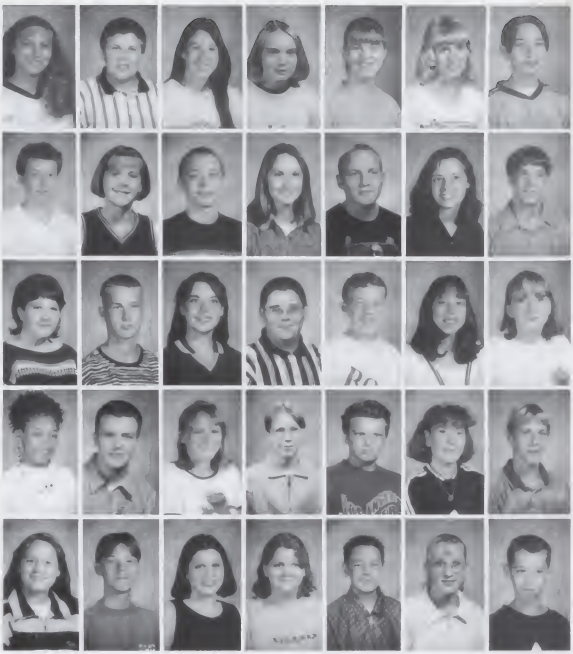
Jessica Howell
Mark Hudson
Michelle Huffman
Sirina Hufstedler
Jennifer Humphreys
Pamela Hunt
Devin Isaak

Jason Jackson
Sarah Jackstadt
Alan Jakul
Brandi Janitch
Dustin Jayne
Jill Jenkins
Adam Johnisee

Amanda Johnson
Anthony Johnson
Krystal Johnson
Robert Johnson
Christopher Jones
Karla Jones
Nichole Jones

Sheena Jones
Joshua Jordan
Jamie Joyce
Jeffrey Joyce
Nicholas Kampmann
Patty Kane
Jeffrey Karns

Shanna Keel
Travis Keeton
Emily Kelahan
Shelly Keller
Aaron Kelley
Quiana Kimbrell
James Kingsley



GOOD-BYE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Entering the high school for the first time can be very scary, especially for freshmen. While in junior high, students get to prepare for high school on a smaller scale.

In the last few years the junior high has been transformed into a middle school. When in junior high, students would go to six different classrooms a day, with six different teachers. In the middle school they do not. Students are divided up into teams and rotate between four classrooms, which are all located in the same hallway. Each team is led by four core teachers. These teachers teach the students English, science, math, reading, and social studies.

The other main difference between junior high and middle school is the exploratory classes. The exploratory classes include home economics, art, machine shop, music, and physical education. In junior high, students could choose which of these classes they wished to take. In middle school, students are required to take all of these subjects.

We asked several ninth graders if they thought that the middle school helped them prepare for high school, and this is how they replied:

"My experience at middle school did prepare me for high school because the teachers always sent me to the hall." — Jordan Aerts

"No, I do not think middle school helped me prepare for high school. The high school is much bigger than the middle school." — Jessica Andersen

"I think the middle school did not help prepare for high school because we had only four different teachers and were in the same hallway all day." — Brandi Janitch

David Kleine
Charles Knapp
Kimberly Kohl
Laura Kohn
Tiffany Kovach
Jennifer Krech
Robert Kyle

Nicole Kynion
Sarah Lancaster
Kristal Larsen
Carly Lasiter
Brandi Lassen
Joshua Laughlin
Dustin Lawson-Hart

Freddie Layne
Heather Leisner
Jessica Lemaster
Diane Lickenbrock
Michael Lindsey
Samantha Lindsey
Danny Linhart

Neil Loftus
Jonathan Lohman
Nicole Love
Corey Lynch
Shannon Machon
Andrew Mactaggart
Tiffany Mainer

Amber Malone
Christina Maloney
Matthew Mansfield
Kenneth Marcum
Stacie Marler
Laura Marshall
Joshua Martin

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1. Nicole Bellman, Michael Pagano, Linsay Moore and Megan McKechan wave goodbye to Coolidge. 2. Samantha Lindsey, Jay Vickery, Michelle Mull, and Aaron Holmes stand in front of their former school.

Ashley Martinez
Jonathan Marzuco
Michelle Massman
Jason Matyas
Heather May
Travis McGlasson
Ryan McAteer

Joseph McClure
Carrie McDowell
Calley McGehee
William McGraw III
Ann McKeal
Meagan McKechan
Patrick McKechan

Cecilia McKee
Kathryn McKinney
Chris McManamy
David Mellor
Jeffrey Melton
Amanda Mendoza
Lindsey Mercer

David Merchant
Patrick Meredith
Alan Meyer
Penelope Meyer
Christina Mike
Jeremy Milam
Jason Miles

Lauren Miller
Rebecca Miller
Gary Mills
George Millsap
Michele Milton
Jami Miner
Gregory Moesner

DON'T BE ALARMED

It's 6:29 a.m. and you are lying fast asleep dreaming. The minute clicks and buzzzzzzzz, your alarm clock has been triggered. You slowly reach your hand over to shut it off, it's time for another day of school.

Wouldn't it be nice if you never had to use an alarm clock again, but instead had the ability to wake up on time without help from someone or something? Trying to find the "wake-up" button in your brain is a hard skill to conquer.

Everyone, at one time or another, has cursed their alarm clock, but without it no one would ever be on time. Soon everyone comes to realize how important their alarm clock really is to them, and praises it for the significant task it performs at the same time every morning. Next time you hear that undesirable buzz in the morning and you feel like throwing the clock across the room, remember that the little alarm clock is doing a world of good for you.

When some of the freshman class were asked about what wakes them up in the morning, they stated:

"A radio alarm clock set on my favorite country music station, WIL." — Christopher Gregory.

"My cute alarm clock that has a chicken yelling at me wakes me up every morning." — Jamie Schreiber.

"I have an alarm clock that plays music too loud and I can't turn it down unless I get out of my bed." — John Bonvicino.

"The sound of my alarm clock going off always wakes me up for school." — Joshua Aguilar.

Lindsay Moore
Anthony Morak III
Joseph Moran
Jennifer Moreland
Amber Morgan
Marie Morris
Rachel Mortenson

Justin Morton
Anthony Mosby
Deana Mothershead
Sarah Moutria
Aaron Moxey
Denise Mueller
Michelle Mull

Kurtis Munger
Amanda Muniz
Candice Muniz
Ashley Murphy
Bradley Murphy
James Murphy IV
Katherine Murphy

Robert Murphy
Kristina Murray
Adam Myint
Anthony Nelson
Elizabeth Nelson
Michael Newberry
Jamie Northcutt

Christine O'Dell
Jayce O'Dell
Shawn O'Dell
Shawn O'Dell
Stacy O'Dell
Tracy O'Dell
Jessica Oates

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1. Linda Staten, Amber Radford, and Phillip Elsner catch a few sleepy moments, but have their alarm clocks set to wake up at the correct time. 2. Joshua Aguilar always uses an alarm clock to wake him up.

Sally Obermeier
Salvador Ochoa
Kristen Orsborn
Keri Ousley
Staci Padgett
Michael Pagano
Shannon Paoli

Travis Papp
Amber Parey
Janell Parker
Andrea Passig
Amanda Patton
Steven Peach
Chelsey Peery

Tanya Pena
Travis Pennekamp
Nichole Percy
Linda Petchulat
Thomas Pieper
Nolan Pittman
Michael Poznanovich

Scott Prengel
Kharim Price
Kevin Prindable
Gregory Pritchard
Elizabeth Przygoda
Heidi Pugh
Jason Pursell

Lauren Pusczek
Amber Radford
Jennifer Ragen
Terry Randall
Lauren Range
Keith Ray
Melissa Rayoum

SMILE FOR THE BIRDIE

At the beginning of the school year, every student has a photograph taken for the yearbook and student I.D. The morning and afternoon announcements always include information regarding student photographs, and students anxiously await for that day to arrive.

On the big day, students put on a shirt they find appropriate for the occasion. Then they wait in their gym class for the announcement to get that memorable photograph taken. As they stand in line, they realize this photograph will be seen by everyone in the school. Last- minute grooming necessities take place as they walk toward the camera.

This year, however, the traditional photographers were not taking the school pictures. The crew from Lifetouch was there with four cameras ready to get to work. It was a change from last year and from what the ninth-graders were accustomed to seeing. Their comments regarding the new crew were as follows:

"I like the photos better this year because they didn't mess up your hair like other people." — Nicole Bellman

"I thought the photographs were very professional and much better than previous ones." — Lauren Range

"I thought the photographs were so much better this year. They were so much brighter and were not dull at all." — Meagan McKechan

"The pictures this year were much better than any other year." — Jeannifer Ragan

When the students receive their yearbook, they will look groomed and professional. It's all in the joy of photography.

Phillip Reader
Charles Reagan
Crystal Redman
Erica Reed
Gary Reed
Brian Reese
Joshua Reyes

Ashley Reynolds
Shaun Rhodebeck
Meranda Richardson
Paul Richter
Anestassi Riem
Sarah Riggs
Amanda Rinehart

Stephanie Riskovsky
Krista Ritchie
Casi Roach
Jennifer Roark
Catrina Robb
Kyle Robbins
Daniel Roberts

Neal Rogers
Brandon Rollins
Thomas Rollins
Deidre Rosenburg
Benjamin Rudis
John Rushing
David Ryan Jr.

Margaret Ryan
Christopher Rydgig
Shawn Sanders
John Sappington
Nicholas Scaturro
April Schaefer
Clifford Schaefer Jr.

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1. Leighann Worthen and Sarah Jackstadt fix their hair before they are photographed. 2. Daniel Watson poses for the Lifetouch photographer.

Amber Schmisseur
Christopher Schnefke
Matthew Schneider
Richard Schrader
Jamie Schreiber
Andrea Schultz
Ryan Schutzenhofer

Andrew Schwierjohn
Brett Sebastian
Jacob Sedabres
Nicholas Seley
Joseph Shambro
Joseph Shepard
Joseph Sheppard

Travis Shields
Dayne Shipman
Justin Shrum
Kelly Signall
Jessica Simpson
Scott Singleton
Dennis Slater

Susan Sleczka
Tiffany Slone
Joshua Smallie
Brian Smart
Bradley Smith
Branden Smith
Holly Smith

Justin Smith
Michael Smith
Tasha Smith
Kyle Smoot
Larry Soechtig
Brett Sollberger
Derek Speece

LUCK BE A LADY

Everyone wants to have a change of luck at some point in their life. Whether it is on a pop quiz or passing an important test, students want lady luck to be smiling upon them. Some people think that certain items, such as a necklace or a charm bracelet, give them luck. Others believe that whatever is going to happen will happen, no matter what you do to improve your luck.

Many people carry these charms everyday because they are special to them. Good luck charms tell a little bit about each person, even before you meet them. You can determine the kind of things they believe in and the things that interest them.

When some members of the freshmen class were questioned about their good luck charm, and why it was lucky for them, this is what they had to say:

"My favorite good luck charm is my Black Hills Gold ring that my parents gave me in 6th grade for receiving the W. Richard Brinkoff Award. I never leave home without my ring on my finger." — Elizabeth Stoppkotte

"My favorite good luck charm is a four-leaf clover because the first time I found one I also found a ten dollar bill." — Aaron Windbeck

"It is my batting glove from when I was in coach pitch baseball. The reason is because every time I have that glove in my pocket during a game, I get on a base. — Ian Warren

"My picture of an angel because my mother gave it to me, and it still brings me luck all the time." — Mary Hicks

Good luck charms are definitely a part of life, and always will be. They are always there when you need them, and they make you feel a little better about yourself.

Giovanni St.Clair
Emily Staicoff
Nicole Staicoff
Michael Stanley
Shannon Stapleton
Linda Staten
Billy Stegall

Deliscia Stelar
Thomas Stephens
Phillip Stewart
Melissa Stone
Elizabeth Stoppkotte
Cody Stout
Jennifer Streicher

Bobbie Stroud
Tonya Sweatt
Donald Tadlock
Carl Talley
James Tapp
Christopher Taylor
Christopher Taylor

Faith Taylor
Jason Taylor
Sarah Tester
Stacie Thebeau
Natasha Theis
Tiffany Thick
Travis Thomas

Joseph Thomason
Courtaise Thompson
Renee Thornton
Nathan Tilson
Jeremiah Tolbert
Maria Tostado
Katherine Toussaint

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1. Erica Reed and Joseph Hahs use their Pez candy dispenser for good luck. 2. Laura Blankenship and Jennifer Hartwick feel lucky with Lucky Charms. 3. These gentlemen need no luck to pass a test . . . they're confident.

Jacob Trtanj
Jamie Trun
Amanda Tubbs
Angela Turner
Arron Underwood
Jessica Ussery
Rick Utnage

Holly Valente
Joseph Vandergriff
Varner Nicole
Jessica Vasiloff
John Vasques Jr.
Mary Vasquez
Jay Vickery

Jonathan Vorce
Billy Walker
John Wallace
Kara Wallace
Matthew Wallace
Rachelle Wallace
Terry Wallace

Aaron Wallis
Michael Warden
Christopher Warren
Ian Warren
Daniel Watson
James Watson
Michael Watt

Michael Webb
Joseph Weinberger
Anna Welser
Charles Werner
Heather White
Michael White
Jacob Whited

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1. Christopher Taylor, Kharim Price, and Nathan Tilson have no fear standing under a ladder. 2. Jennifer Ambuehl remembers not to step on a crack in order not to break her mother's back. 3. Bernice Fields and Amanda Tubbs deny the superstition of opening an umbrella indoors.

Amanda Whitehead
Randy Whitehead
Michael Whitford
Julie Whittington
Nicholas Wiehardt
Ronald Wilkerson
Billy Williams

Deandrae Williams
Kimberly Williams
Mathew Williams
Rachel Williams
William Williams
Aaron Windbeck
Joseph Wineburner

Amy Whitfield
Richard Winters
John Wise Jr.
Christina Withers
William Witt
Paul Wood
Mescha Woods

Laura Woolen
Justin Worthen
Leighann Worthen
Jeremiaa Wright
Joshua Wright
Nicholett Wyatt
Kenneth Wylie

Melissa Wyrostek
Hershel Yeley
Justin York
Andrew Young
Faith Yurcisin
Melissa Zigler
Adam Zimmer

DOES UNDER THE LADDER MATTER?

Fear is an emotion every person experiences at one time or another. Sometimes though, this fear can become so powerful, it begins to control the person's life. This type of fear is called a phobia.

A person with a phobia is overwhelmed by their fear. When faced with their phobia, they panic. A common treatment for phobias is psychoanalysis. This is an examination of the mind to discover causes for the phobia.

There are many types of phobias. Some relate to locations. Claustrophobia is the fear of enclosed spaces, and agoraphobia is the fear of wide open spaces. Some deal with animals. Zoophobia is the fear of all animals, arachniphobia is the fear of spiders.

Superstitions go hand in hand with fears. Many people feel if they follow certain rules, bad luck will not plague them. Those who strictly believe in superstitions will absolutely refuse to walk under a ladder or allow a black cat to cross their path. Other superstitions include bad luck for opening an umbrella inside, breaking a mirror, or stepping on a crack.

One superstition even has an official phobia name, triskaidekaphobia, which is the fear of the number thirteen. Many people feel this fear very strongly. So strongly in fact, most buildings have omitted the thirteenth floor, and Fridays that fall on the thirteenth of a month are the most feared days n the calendar.

It is inevitable that everyone will fear something or believe in a superstition. However, most people do not allow these feelings to control their lives. For most, it is harmless fun.

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STEVE BALEN

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Steve Balen has been associated with the Granite City School District since 1981. Dr. Balen came to the district as the Director of Programs and Services for handicapped students, alternative school students and pre-school students. He has been an administrator for 20 years.

Dr. Balen was born in Litchfield, Illinois, and graduated from high school in 1965. He currently holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in education and a Specialist Degree in school administration from Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville. He earned his Doctorate in Education from St. Louis University in May 1997.

ROBERT BISCHOFF
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Improv

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Education

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Special Education Coordinator

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Principal
R. William Rotter

Principal R. William Rotter was born in Alton, Illinois, and graduated from Granite City High School in 1963. He completed his undergraduate studies at Saint Louis University and received a Bachelor of Science in math in 1967. He did his graduate studies at Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville and received his Masters degree in education & administration.

Mr. Rotter taught school for 25 years at Granite City High School. He later became part of the administration as assistant principal, and he held this job for three years. Now he has the top responsibility as principal of one of the largest schools in the state of Illinois. His position is not an easy one. It is his responsibility to keep everything running smoothly, and keep order and discipline at our school.

Despite his busy schedule, he still manages to be active in school functions. He attends plays, band concerts, and music performances. He can also be seen at a majority of the home athletic events.

At home, Mr. Rotter's wife, Mary, and family provides much support and encouragement through the more difficult areas of administration. He has one son, Michael, and two daughters, Laura and Erin. They are always there with encouraging words.

This year marks the fourth of what will be many more successful years as principal of Granite City High School. See you next year.

LEADING THE WAY

JERRY McKECHAN is the vice principal and the athletic director at Granite City High School. He has been the vice principal for three years. Among his duties, he is in charge of all the athletic programs, clubs, and organizations. He oversees all extra-curricular events, and all athletic tournaments held at GCHS. He also works closely with the Warrior boosters club to help our student athletes. His job is very hectic at times, but he makes sure that all events hosted by GCHS run smoothly.

ALLEN KENNERLY is one of four assistant principals at GCHS. He has held this position for the past 20 years. he deals with registration, student obligations, progress reports, student records, report cards, and most importantly he is in charge of all graduation ceremonies. Graduation is the highlight of his year. Mr. Kennerly dedicates a large amount of time to graduation. He wants the ceremony to be a memorable event for all graduates.

STEVE HAMILTON is one of the two assistant principals who deal with discipline. He has been an assistant principal for three years. Students with last names beginning with letters A thru L are dealt with by him. He oversees all after school and Saturday detentions. He also coordinates all of the drug searches at GCHS. He insures that punishments given to students are equal to their misbehavior.

CINDY GAGICH has been working at GCHS as an assistant principal for two years. She is the vocational director and oversees the Industrial, technology, Business, and Home Economics departments. She coordinates programs such as Job Shadowing and the Career Fair. She regulates the off campus education programs which include coops, nurse aid program, unit clerk, and hospital security. This year she and Mrs. Finkes are incorporating a new program into the curriculum - Jobs for Illinois Graduates. The two of them are also piloting a mentoring program with a small group of seniors and Business and Professional Women Organization. The students and their mentors are required to meet three to four times within a four month time span. Another program Mrs. Gagich is in charge of deals with gender equity. It targets non-traditional students to help them succeed in vocational programs. The students are provided with extra assistance to assure a meaningful experience. School Improvement, Educational Development Days, and the North Central Evaluation process are among her duties, as well as curriculum issues.

DEBBIE WILKERSON is the other assistant principal who enforces discipline throughout the school. This is her second year working as an assistant principal at GCHS. She handles students whose last names begin with the letters M thru Z. She also helps with teacher evaluations and the revising of the Warrior Student Handbook. Mrs. Wilkerson works with the high school graphic arts classes to coordinate print materials for the district.

Allen Kennerly

Steve Hamilton

Cindy Gagich

Debbie Wilkerson

FACULTY

Tom Pinnell

Mary Beth Gordon

Mr. Pinnell, Marv-the-snake, and T.J. Slay

As the year came to a close, saying good-bye was different for everyone. Students felt the fear of the future, the freedom of the summer, and the farewell of their classmates. We all, however, felt the sorrow of losing two of our faculty members — Tom Pinnell and Mary Beth Gordon.

Leadership has been defined as having a vision of where to go and how to get there. Tom Pinnell knew that. Together with his students, a vision was shared for quality education. He spent his years here helping students achieve their educational goals and dreams. His methods and ideas were always changing and expanding, because he wanted students to have a more wide-spread knowledge of science. Tom was a biology teacher, science club sponsor, and department chairman. He coordinated the development of the outdoor classroom, which will now be named in honor of him. His unique and personable sense of humor was appreciated by both students and teachers. He was dedicated to understanding the needs of those around him and cared enough to share his time and talents with others. He strived always to see each as an individual and was a friend to adults and students in every sense of the word.

As a social worker, Mary Beth dedicated her life to helping students with school and personal situations. Students throughout the district were rewarded by her words of encouragement. Mary Beth had faith in all students and offered assistance when necessary. She helped students deal with outside influences, drugs, and less parental involvement. She believed most students were capable of adjusting to these factors. Mary Beth knew what it was like dealing with the unpredictable behavior of students as they tried to achieve adulthood. Through her words of encouragement, the students she touched were able to make a success of their life.




Laura Aerne
Denise Albrecht
Joann Aleman
Amy Alsop




David Ames
Linda Ames
Gene Baker
Kristina Batsios




Antonio Betancourt
Tom Blaha
Marcia Blankenship
Josh Boushard




Harold Briggs
Mary Bright
Donna Brown
Randy Burgess




August Catanzaro
Sheila Christianson
Cindy Christopher
Dennis Church

Robert Cowan
Mary Darne
Janet Davinroy
Dagmar Davis




Daren DePew
Christine Douglas
Sheryl Evans
Carla Finkes




Bruce Frank
Laura Froemling
Robert Gagliano
Gregory Garland




Michael Garland
Deborah Germann
Ronald Gilreath
Mary Beth Gordon




Michele Grooms
Barry Grote
Linda Haddox
Dawn Hamm




Albert Hampton
Don Harris
Amy Heath
Betty Hicks

Linda Hill
Ben Jackels
Charles Jakul
Sandra Jessee

Michael Johnson
Teresa Johnson
Mary Karoly
Gary Kasprovich

Paul Kimbrell
David King
Julie Klueter
Steve Knogl

Charles Kraus
Deborah Larsen
Ruth Layton
Gus Lignoul

Kimberly Lignoul
Allen Lobdell
Donna Lobdell
James Lombardi




Thomas Lubak
Paul Macios
Karen Malench
Marc Mason




David McClain
Frank McHugh
Paul Mihalich
Lisa Miller




. . . THIS TOO SHALL PASS

Teachers — what would we do without them? Since our early school days, teachers play educational games with us to make our learning fun. This strategy is used by Elaine Parish who makes being in her classroom fun as well as an educational experience.

Elaine is a guide to her students. Just as children can detect their mother's changing moods, so do the students in Elaine's room. When she is enthusiastic about her work, so are her students. They are always watching her, asking questions, and just appreciating her presence. She always finds time to listen to her students' problems and unique situations and gives advice whenever needed. Her favorite words of advice are, "And this too shall pass."

She is also able to enhance her students' interest by sharing her own various experiences. Through these experiences and readings, she brings the world into her classroom. This offers her students an interesting way of learning and remembering educational data.

Elaine has been in the teaching profession for 25 years, and has taught at seven different schools in this district. In 1983, she was caught in the big 'lay off' when Granite City North and South High Schools combined. During that year, she worked as a truant officer and delivered court warnings to parents.

Even though she enjoys teaching high school, nothing is more important to her than her family. She has two lovely daughters, Linda and Clinta, two wonderful son-in-laws, and three adorable grandchildren. She also enjoys the company of Spanky, her little brown poodle.

Finally, as this school year ends, the days of walking to the office will be over. "I'll miss the students and the faculty when I retire," Elaine says. When asked what she will do next, she replied, "Anything I want."




Karen Milton
Timothy Moran
Gail Mueller
Shannan Muskopf




Jean Nelson
June Oney
Terryl Papa
Elaine Parish




Jack Parker
Meredith Paschke
Diane Peach
Ronald Pennell

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1. Elaine Parish hangs a wreath on the door she won at the Christmas party.
2. Mrs. Parish during one of her last quiet moments at GCHS.

Mary Perdue-Tapp
Cheryl Petrillo
Nick Petrillo
Thomas Pinnell




Diana Prazma
William Puhse
Dan Rahn
James Randall




Thelma Randall
Ann Rich
Catherine Riebold
Alice Schardan




Beverley Scroggins
Jodie Skelton
Richard Skirball
Gary Storm




Carol Sturdivant
Laura Sullivan
Larry Talbert
Deane Thomas




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1. Diana Prazma helps Leanna Strubberg and Sarah Kyle with their assignment. 2. Kamaryn Boyd works with Carla Finkes. 3. Amy Alsop during a quiet moment in her classroom. 4. Ruth Layton tells her class this is too close to stop behind a car. 5. Sandra Jessee measures an angle. 6. Kimberly Faulkner and Christina Clutts stand by Nick Petrillo during his hall duty.

Jerry Trickey
David Trower
Thomas Turner
John VanBuskirk




Margaret Vaught
Stephanie Walbran
Marilyn Washington
Phyllis Weiss




David Weller
Karen Wesley
Ed Whittleman
Janet Williams




Timothy Wilson
Andrew Yurko
David Ziff



SPOTLIGHT TEACHER
JO ANN ALEMAN

OH TEACHER, OUR TEACHER

My spotlight teacher for the 1998 yearbook is Ms. Jo Ann Aleman. Ms. Aleman received a Bachelor of Arts in the Humanities from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1973. She began teaching in the Granite City School District in 1974, but left in 1979 when the district suffered severe cutbacks. She returned to the district in 1987.

Ms. Aleman teaches English classes, both composition and literature. Reflecting on her career, Ms. Aleman says, "During my years of teaching I have learned to take delight when my students reach new understandings: their successes are my successes. I am right where I belong because I enjoy what I do, day by day."

Ms. Aleman takes great pride in her family. She and her husband, Tony, live just a few blocks from the school. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is currently a freshman here. They also have two other children, both grown to adulthood. Catherine, who graduated from here in 1989, is a physician in Chicago at Loyola. Ed, who graduated from here in 1981, is an oncologist at U.C.L.A.

Most teachers would like to leave words of wisdom for their students to take with them into the real world. Ms. Aleman's wisdom comes from Alex Haley, who wrote *"Roots"* and *The Autobiography of Malcolm X:* "Find the good and praise it." She believes this is the only way to remain hopeful and to persevere.

Ms. Aleman's passion for teaching is evident to any student who has been enrolled in her class. The school has truly benefited from having her as a member of the faculty.

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RIGHT ON TARGET

From the time the SECRETARIES arrive at school until they leave at 4 p.m., their day is never routine. Each day brings new problems and challenges. They do their work, and still have enough time to answer daily questions from students and teachers. They are an endless supply of information and wisdom.

We are all familiar with the CAFETERIA ladies who serve us our lunch each day. However, there is a great deal of behind-the-scenes action. Each of the ladies have a specific job and responsibility. Their job is not over at the end of the 5-2 lunch hour. They clean up the cafeteria and begin to prepare for the next day. There is more to running the cafeteria than meets the eye. Fortunately, the teachers and students at GCHS have a wonderful crew of ladies led by Pat Hartman to take on this responsibility and keep smiling.

You probably take them for granted but the CUSTODIANS at GCHS are a very important part of the school. During the day they roam around the campus, straightening things and cleaning up spills as they go. These custodians work night and day to make sure everything runs smoothly. While students are enjoying a weekend, holiday, or even summer vacation these very dedicated workers do their best to clean the entire building. They make sure it is in good shape for the students when they return to school. The custodians work hard to keep GCHS in good condition. Because of them and the endless effort of lead man, David Kessler, students continue to enjoy a healthy environment.

The MONITORS help keep our building secure and help the faculty and administration. They each have specific responsibilities and areas of the campus to patrol. They keep in contact with each other and the office by way of their walkie talkies. They are able to call each other for information and advice when an undesirable situation occurs. They keep the hallways clear and moving, check for passes, and also watch so students do not leave the campus throughout the day. They are also always on the lookout for students who require that daily cigarette. Everyone at the high school appreciates these devoted ladies and gentlemen.

The AIDES of GCHS bring a presence of an easier day to those special students in need of a little more help. Although unfamiliar to those who are not helped by the aides, those who require their assistance appreciate them dearly. Their task for each day varies from assisting students in the classroom with their required work to helping someone on their bus. Their jobs are to make sure every minute of the student's day is filled with special activities, challenges, and advancements. They know the pressures of high school so they attempt to ease the tension for their students. These special personnel deserve high praise for the work they do. This is why everyone is grateful for their presence and appreciate their dedication.

The INTERPRETERS do exactly that .. interpret. The ladies who have taken on this task help deaf and/or partially-deaf students communicate by means of sign language. They help keep the student's day running smoothly, keep informed of any possible problems, and try to keep their student's challenged with new thoughts and ideas. Regardless of the difficulty involved, the interpreters perform their job with commitment and knowledgeability. Our school benefits from the disciplined approach with which these ladies oversee their students.

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1. MONITORS: ROW 1: Don Gray, Tom Brown, Cliff Gassett. ROW 2: Ginny Henson, Beverly Golden, Connie Paterson. 2. INTERPRETERS: Rebell Wade and Ronda Anderson. 3. CUSTODIANS: Ron Fisher and Steve Nikonovich. 4. AIDES: Barbara Schmedake, Donna Jones, Nelda Sanders. 5. SECRETARIES: Georganne Georgeff, Donna Swanson, Kim Woodard, Kathleen Webb, Jane Moore, Judy Andrews, Marilyn Chrusciel. 6. CUSTODIANS: ROW 1: Randy Anderson, Danny Dahmm. Judy Diak, Craig Astorian. ROW 2: David Kessler, John Kipp, Mike Nemeth, Rodney Williams. 7. CAFETERIA: Row 1: Cindy Whitt, Debbie LeMaster, Joan Slecka, Pat Hartman, Debbie David, Pam Walk, Lori McGovern. ROW 2: Mirian Ozanich, Bettie Baker, Joan Stark, Judy Dutko, Cindy Elliott, Joan Butkovich, Sandy Richey, Cheryl Birdsong, Marie Gray, Elaine Streicher. 8. CUSTODIANS: ROW 1: Rich Wilson Jr., Jeff Kraus, Tim Barnes, Todd Huffstutler. ROW 2: Craig Astorian, Bill Robbins, Mike Beasley. 9. AIDES: Debbie Passig, Vickie Drennan, Pam Copeland, JoAnn Yurko, Sharon Mertz, Sue Palmer.

CLUBS

Environmental club members search for eagles.

ORGANIZATIONS

Megan Francis, Mary Lofink, & Dennis Church represent the foreign language club.

Jeffrey Klee represents student council.

V.I.C.A. members are proud of their club.

Julia LeMaster & Amanda Zaring at a FBLA meeting.

Science club members Dimana Spudich & Jondalyn Coziar work on a slinky project.

Kristen Ely & Kathryn Cooper work on the yearbook.

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JUST SAY NO

A.L.P.H.A., or Adolescents Learning Positive Health Alternatives, is a well known group of students chosen to teach health students about positive health alternatives. Peer leaders, as they are referred to, go into health classes once a week on Fridays and talk to the students about drugs, stress, violence and many other topics that high school students will face in their adolescent life.

Peer leaders are juniors and seniors that are chosen according to leadership, involvement, and teacher recommendation. Once in ALPHA, peer leaders attend a two day training session in Marion, Illinois. This training session gives the leaders a basic knowledge of the material they will teach.

In order to effectively teach students without losing the comfortable, non-classroom feeling, ALPHA class usually includes games and activities that are fun and educational. This method breaks the ice and makes for a more relaxed classroom.

This years sponsors are Frank McHugh, Micheal Johnson, and David Weller. The sponsors work to make the ALPHA program work effectively. They provide material and information, assign peer leaders to classes, and observe leaders while they teach.

The ALPHA program is beneficial to all who participate. The peer leaders learn responsibility and gain knowledge of how to help someone in a difficult situation. It also gives the younger students the feeling they have someone to talk to if necessary.

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ALPHA: 1. Brandon Williams, Jason Acord, John Ahlers, Craig Mooshegian, Michael Johnson. 2. ROW 1: Elizabeth Dittman, Kristin Stovall, Breann Chastain. ROW 2: Craig Mooshegian, Stephanie Ambuehl, Marc Johnson. 3. Leah Gamblin. 4. ROW 1: Valerie Hankes, Janelle Hankes. ROW 2: Timothy Dittman Sarah Fielding, Stacey Wampler. 5. Frank McHugh, Blake Smith, Joseph Herman, Jeffrey Ahlers, Stacey Baker, Melanie England, Nancy Ellington. 6. James Watson, Cory Simpson, Amanda Rodgers, Ryan Moenster, Matthew Reiter. 7. Katie Serrano, Julie Mills, Andrea Stovall, Kristen Ely, Kimberly Greer, Jenna Wright, Dustin Rosenburg. 8. Laura Davis, Salina Morlen, Tarra Falter, Hillary Aerts, Colin Anderson.

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CHESS CLUB 1. John Dimitroff, Colin Anderson, Mitchell Goldenberg, Matthew Whitehead. 2. Row 1. Ernest Hume, Chris McManamy, Kenneth Bone, Zachary Smith. Row 2. Christopher Taylor, Steve Geroff, Arnaud DuPaquier, Shannon Gergen. 3. John Dimitroff and Mitch Goldenberg play a game of chess. 4. Shannon Gergen ponders his next move. 5. Colin Anderson prepares to make a move against Jeffrey Beckwith.

ETHNIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: 6. Jennifer Ambuehl, Stephanie Ambuehl, David Darling, Juannell Goodwin. 7. Justin Smith, Melissa Stewart, and Laura Stewart. 8. Tamela Wilson, Tonya Walker, Samareia Darling, and Jessica Fondren. 9. Mrs. Janet Williams, Monique Wright, and Regina Wright.

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NEW CLUBS ON THE BLOCK

This year, Granite City Senior High School has seen the revival of the CHESS CLUB. The members of this club all share a passion for chess.

As of now, the club member's only compete against each other at their practices. Many schools in the area do hold competitions, and the club would like to enter into those meets.

The chess club is sponsored by Mr. Steve Knogl. He restarted this club after he heard several students voice a desire to have a chess club. The officers for this school year are Colin Anderson, John Dimitroff, Jeffrey Beckwith, and Matthew Whitehead.

Activities of the club include fundraisers and their practices. The money made during the fundraisers is used to purchase new boards and timers. The chess club would like to invite anyone who enjoys chess to join.

This is also the first year for official recognition of the ETHNIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATIONS. This is a club for any student who wishes to learn about all cultures and races. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Janet Williams. The president is Regina Wright.

The club has many activities on their agenda. They are currently organizing a multi-racial peer program between the grade schools and the high school. They will also be attending a racial harmony in education, sports and the military. This club also researches the P.A. announcements for Black History Month in February.

Welcome to both of these clubs. They make an excellent addition to the diverse group of clubs at Granite City Senior High School.

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PEER POWER

During high school, all teens experience problems with stress and peer pressure. However, students do not have to deal with these problems alone, and usually just having someone to talk with is a big help. Empathy is a peer-support program all about teens helping other teens solve and overcome problems. Members of empathy lend a hand by giving advice on situations involving alcohol, drugs, or any other problems a high school student may face during these difficult years.

Members of this special club are trained to help others. Training gives the members skills and knowledge to help them become better and more effective listeners. They learn to understand their own feelings and relate to the feelings of others. Members of this group are given the opportunity to provide support for their classmates.

Mr. Michael Johnson, a school counselor, is sponsor. Mr. Johnson has been sponsoring empathy since it began in 1987. He is always ready to listen, give advice, or do whatever he can to help. Requirements of the empathy club include good grades, good attendance, and good behavior. Members of empathy promise to be drug free and respect the privacy of others.

Every year empathy goes on a retreat in which all members attend. The retreat is usually held in Pickneyville, Illinois, at Camp Salbateska. The retreat lets everyone in the club spend quality time together and enjoy the company of one another.

Empathy is all about helping students face problems, making decisions, dealing with peer-pressure, and making the most out of high school. Every student at GCHS has somewhere to go when they need advice or someone to listen to them.

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EMPATHY: 1: Frank McHugh. 2: Michael Johnson. 3: Carrie Crocket, Michael Johnson, Lindsay Heath, Chyenne Modglin. 4: Rocky Williams, Frank McHugh, Nealie Ingram, Ricky Woodard. 5: Nicole Counsell, Christopher Lemp, Elisa Crockett, Jenee Harper.

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SAVE THE PLANET

The Environmental Club is one of the largest clubs found at GCHS. The main goal of this club it to insure a clean environment at the school and in the community.

This year, Dr. Richard Skirball, who serves as a guidance counselor, is the sole sponsor of the club. Fortunately, he is aided by four motivated officers. Steven Mennemeyer is the president, Traci Manis is vice-president, Lindsay Heath is secretary, and Melissa Nelson is treasurer. All of these students take their job very seriously.

Dr. Skirball enjoys being sponsor of this club and says, "Students who have participated in the Environmental Club activities have developed a greater appreciation of their relationship with nature. We try to instill a greater awareness of environmental issues such as recycling, endangered animals, pollution, and life cycles. The Environmental Club has offered the members a diversity of experiences to increase that awareness."

There are many well-known activities and projects in which this club participates regularly. As you walk down the halls, it is hard not to spot a T-shirt sold by the club. The money raised from these sales is used for fun activities, such as a field trip at the end of the year.

The Environmental Club rewards the community with beautification. Every year the Granite City Chamber of Commerce holds a Stash the Trash project in which the club participates. They also donate their time to the school by landscaping around the flag pole and at the Outdoor Classroom.

The Environmental Club invites any student who cares about the environment to join. Remember, it's never too late to start caring, especially when it's your environment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB: 1. ROW 1: Amanda Utz, Melissa Cloninger, Kimberly Boone, Linda Dohnal, Julia Murphy, Mitchell Goldenberg. ROW 2: Karen Knox, Shannon Gergen, Matthew Whitehead, Matthew Gibson, Erik Hamilton, Jacob Kamphoefner, John Ahlers, Jason Stroder, Joseph Willis. 2. ROW 1: Rebecca Gehling, Robert Davis, Randall Davis. ROW 2: Andrew Ravanelli, David Elliff, Hae Won Suh. 3. ROW 1: Sara Baxter, Rebecca Emery, Julia Fuhrman. ROW 2: Denis Schwierjohn, Amy Krieshok, Andrew Elliff, Robert Meszaros, Lauren Miller. 4. ROW 1: Carrie Crockett, Amanda Mendoza, Amanda Patton, Carla Haug. ROW 2: Penelope Meyer, Jessica Doty, Jenee Harper, Lauren Miller. 5. Jamie Briggs, Steven Mennemeyer, Traci Manis. 6. ROW 1: Rachel Mortenson, Emily Vance, Emily Douglas, Joi McNeish, Jamie Briggs. ROW 2: Aimee Nyers, Megan Francis, Sarah Clark, Ruth Mortenson, Amy Thomas, Dirk Pearman, Christopher Sumpter, Hillary Aerts, Joseph Herman, Mark Achenbach. 7. ROW 1: Dimana Spudich, Christine Spudich, Kristina Groboski. ROW 2: Emily Worthern, Cheyenne Modglin, Nealie Ingram, Ricky Woodard, Laura Blankenship, Meleea Dickerman. 8. Melissa Nelson, Steven Mennemeyer, Dr. Richard Skirball, Traci Manis, Lindsay Heath.

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DIFFERENT CULTURES

Que pasa? Wie geht's? These phrases are heard often by Spanish and German students all over the school. They are also heard often after school by a group of students who enjoy being involved with different languages and customs. These students are members of the foreign language club.

The foreign language club helps to bring together the different groups of multilingual students in the school. For the most part, G.C.H.S. students either speak Spanish or German as a second language. In the foreign language club, these two groups can talk to fellow linguists, learn about different customs and cultures, and even participate in an emersion day with students from different schools.

The emersion day takes place in the fall and students spend a day meeting new people and speaking only in the foreign language of their choice. This is an excellent opportunity to become a better speaker and meet new people. To learn a little about German culture, the club goes to see the Stratton Mountain dancers, a group of Bavarian men that demonstrate customary German dances and play music. Crowd participation is encouraged and the whole theatre joins in during the duck dance.

Everyone in the school is familiar with FLC's fundraiser, which is, the sale of Bon-Bons. These delicious apple and strawberry candies are soft, chewy, and loved by students everywhere. Money made goes to help members pay for the field trips they take throughout the year.

Mr. Dennis Church is the lone sponsor for the club. Officers for this year are Steven Mennemeyer, president; Mitchell Goldenberg, vice president; Megan Francis, secretary; and Kathryn McKinney, treasurer. The officers work hard to make the club fun and educational. Maybe the next time you hear about a meeting on the announcements, come give foreign language a try.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB: 1. OFFICERS: Megan Francis, treasurer, Mitchell Goldenberg, vice president, Steven Mennemeyer, president, Kathryn McKinney, secretary. 2. David Schallert, Mr. Dennis Church. 3. Hae Won Suh, Jacob Kamphoefner, Michael Angle, Stephanie Ambuehl, Franziska Paessler, Robert Davis. 4. Jenee Harper, Stephanie Brake, Katie Lathrop, Sarah Luehmann. 5. Kevin Atkins, Hae Won Suh, Mary Lofink, Joseph Willis, Jason Stroder, Mr. Dennis Church. 6. ROW 1: Sarah Fielding, Melanie England, Nancy Ellington. ROW 2: Rocky Williams, Rebecca Gehling, Joseph Willis, Jason Stroder, Steven Kirkpatrick, Mary Lofink. 7. Alexander Krinski, Amy Krieshok, Andrew Elliff, Denis Schwierjohn, Kevin Atkins, Erik Kambarian. 8. Dustin Sendejas, Katie Serrano, Erik Hamilton, Julie Mills, Joseph Herman, Penelope Meyer.

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ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

Future Business Leaders of America is a new club at GCHS. This club was generated from the club previously known as Future Secretaries of America. However, this year the club expanded and formed FBLA. The sponsors wanted more than students interested in secretarial work, including those interested in all different parts of the business field.

The sponsors of FBLA are Carol Sturdivant and Ronald Gilreath. Officers of the new club are President Mandy Merritt, Vice President John Foley, Secretary Jeccica Fondren, Treasurer Karen Johnson, Historian Melissa Essington, Reporter Sara Burris, and Parliamentarian Stacy Weinkein.

Throughout this year, the club had various guest speakers from A.G. Edwards, internet services, county clerks office, sales organizations, and accountancy firms. Through A.G. Edwards the club participated in a simulated Stock Market game. The game gave members $10,000 to spend on stocks. They were able to invest the money however they wanted. At the end of the game winners were awarded prizes.

The club participated in many other activities throughout the year as well. For a fundraiser, they sold novelty items. Members of FBLA also competed in competitions in marketing, management, computer programing, accounting, and other areas of business. Some select members were part of the computer team which competed at Belleville Area College.

The FBLA club at GCHS is part of a nation-wide group of students. There is even a FBLA club at the college level. They are known as Phi Beta Lambda. The GCHS club met several times with PBL from McKendree and B.A.C.

This was an exciting year for the FBLA club. They look forward to another good year.

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FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA: 1: ROW 1: Sarah Burris, Jessica Fondren, Susan Gauvin, Melissa Essington, Erica Ingram, Stacey Weinkein, Robert Roberts, Karen Johnson, April Borth, Rachel Grady, Kera Olson, and Amee Olson. ROW 2: Tim Owens, Mr. Ron Gilreath, Joesph Shawbu, Phillips Stewart, Patrick Fyalka, Dawn Halley, Joshua Harrison, John Foley, Amanda Merritt, Kellie Wilkinson, Christopher Lemp, Stephanie Welsch, and Mrs. Carol Sturdivant. 2-6. FBLA members at their regular monthly meetings. 7. Amanda Zaring works with the computers. 8. Jeffrey Klee and Jamie Rushing get ready to use some of their business skills. 9. FBLA members at their regular monthly meetings.

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FUTURE EDUCATORS: 1. Ricky Woodard, Pamela Krupco, Marissa Cox, Crystle Bierschwal, Amy Crites, Casandra Williams, Lea Haddix, Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, Kelly Biver. 2. Amanda Taylor, Jennifer Boyer, Bill Williams, Steven Lewis. 3. Jessica Harper, Katie Smith, Connie Evans, Nicole Staicoff, Joshua Duffield. 4. Katie Serrano, Andrea Stovall, Julie Mills, sponsors Mary Dame and Denise Albrecht. 5. Dawn Staggs, secretary; Samantha Butler, vice president; Salina Morlen, president; Amanda Taylor, treasure. 6. Robert Shipley, Andrew Blaylock, Mary Hicks, Jamie Edwards.

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FUTURE EDUCATORS

This marks the fourth year for the Future Educators Club. Mary Dame and Denise Albrecht are the two sponsors leading GCHS students into the field of education. The officers in charge are Salina Morlen, president; Samantha Butler, vice-president; Dawn Staggs, secretary; Amanda Taylor, treasurer; and Renee Condray, historian.

One of the main objectives of the club is teaching business basics to elementary students. Each week, for one hour, FEA students venture to some of the elementary schools to teach a unit on basic economics. They teach children from kindergarten to fourth grade.

Each year the high school students look forward to these visits. They may see some familiar faces and they also have the responsibility to familiarize the young students with business techniques. Thus far, it has been very successful. High school students are anxious for spring to arrive so they may begin preparing their lessons.

Another successful project is the Christmas Angel Tree. Due to unfortunate circumstances, some children may not be able to spend Christmas with one, or both, parents. The Angel Tree provides gifts for children whose parents are spending time in jail during the holidays. Each member brings an appropriate gift to distribute to a child whose name appears on the tree.

FEA members also had a car wash at the beginning of the year, and ended the year with a social evening gathering at a local restaurant. Everyone agreed this was another successful year.

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A HEALTH OCCUPATION

Some people want to be teachers, some want to be lawyers, and others aren't sure. But the people who want to join the health field are in one of the most challenging clubs at GCHS.

The Future Health Occupations club is a club for students who want to venture out into the medical profession. The members of the club are dedicated students willing to set their goals for their chosen field. It is a career that requires many long hours, and hard work that will eventually lead to a perfect success.

The club is now open to everyone interested in the entire medical field. In the previous years, it was known as the Future Nurses club, and was only offered to those students wishing to be a nurse.

There are approximately 30 members in the club this year. The Future Health Occupations club goes on several field trips throughout the school year, and plans to still try new, and more exciting places. The sponsor this year is Mrs. June Oney, and she is very excited to see the wide variety of career interests the students are expressing. It is also so nice to see the number of male club members increase.

The officers for this year include Rebecca Gehling, president; Jennifer Merz, vice president; and Kate Marshall, secretary. They also have guest speakers come in, and explain to them everything they need to know about their chosen future. The Future Health Occupations club is a team of devoted, talented students that work together to make their dreams come true.

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1. Sponsor Mrs. June Oney, Jennifer Merz, Kate Marshall, Jennifer Kessler, and Rebecca Gehling. 2. Mrs. June Oney and Samantha Butler. 3. Health Occupations members prepare their float before the Homecoming parade. 4. Jennifer O'Bear, Rebekah McGuire, David Elliff, Jeremy Stone, Christopher Kayich, Dennis Schwierjohn, and Erik Kambarian. 5. ROW 1: Ryan Davis, Andrew Ravanelli, and Randall Davis. ROW 2: Elizabeth Stoppkotte, Amber Parey, Stephanie Stanfill, and Michelle Gall.

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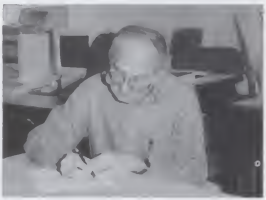

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1. Teresa Lynn, and Megan Solomon. 2. Advanced Journalism students work on their stories. 3. Mr. Betancourt at his computer. 4. Melissa Smith and Samantha Butler. 5. ROW 1. Melissa Nelson, Teresa Lynn, and Lisa Hasty. ROW 2. Melissa Smith, Anna Tapp, and Megan Solomon. 6. ROW 1. Jeff Beckwith, Chris Helmick, and Samantha Butler. ROW 2. Angie Thomas, Scott Whitehead, and Richard Koerper. 7. ROW 1. Rebecca Gehling, Marissa Slattery, Sarah Fielding, and Kelly Baehr. ROW 2. Craig Harris, and Jessica Huniak.

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THE MORNING EDITION

The one and only, the Granite City High World, is in its 71st year, and is still the talk throughout GCHS halls. The High World is a special part of this school that lets students explore the journalistic field.

The advisor of the High World is Antonio Betancourt. The students from his beginning journalism classes get to take part in writing the High World. They create their own version of the paper in the Cub Edition. This helps them get an insight on the newspaper field. It also prepares them for the advanced staff if they choose to make it one of their electives.

The High World staff consists of hard-working students who dedicate their time to make the newspaper what it is today. They are also responsible for publishing and distributing it. The two co-editors are Samantha Butler, and Scott Whitehead. With the help of Mr. Betancourt, they select more editors, and reporters for the other parts of the newspaper. They each take part in all the hectic tasks that have to be met before the deadlines.

"Journalism is an excellent opportunity for students to write and learn with creativity. Everyone on the High World staff has put a great amount of effort in producing a paper that is fun, and interesting to read," says Samantha.

There are usually nine copies of the High World that come out in a school year, including the senior edition. The senior paper is devoted exclusively to the graduates.

The High World is a great way to remember your high school years. It will always remain a special part of your memory. In years to come, you will look at the back issues and smile.

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ICE HOCKEY CLUB: 1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Emily Novosel, Kelly Sparks, Heather Perkins, Jennifer Goodrich, Melissa Skinner, Kathlynn Schermer, Billie Hunt, Lisa Sabol, Karen Suess. ROW 2: Leonard Wilson, Michael Angle, Ty Suhre, Matt Wojciechowski, Brian Reese, Kenneth Knott, Todd McQueen, Matthew Blaylock, Bryan Loftus. ROW 3: Coach Matt Laub, Kyle Hensley, Larry Brantley, Garth Wittmann, Gregory Boyer, Robert Harris, Robert Pritchard, Robert Meszaros, Jonathan Burns, Clayton Warren, Gregory Sarich, Danny Forguson, Coach David Yurkovich. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Carrie McDowell, Kristen Orsborn, Lauren Miller, Sarah Clark, Katie Lathrop, Emily Vance, Tina Evans, Keri Dix, Joi McNeish, Emily Douglas. ROW 2: Coach Brent Golden, Matthew Pistorius, Coach Susan Scannell, Jon Dickerson, Shaun Rhodebeck, Jonathan Goodyear, Gregory Boyer, Kyle Hensley, Lester Grobe, Clayton Warren, Brian Reese, Ryan Evans, Kenneth Knott, Joseph Berg, Danny Forguson, Bryan Moseley, Larry Brantley, Scott Horrell, Nicholas Wiehardt, Coach Matthew Wilson, Coach Cinthia Miller. 3. ROW 1: Emily Novosel, Kelly Sparks, Robert Meszaros, Jessica Partney, Theresa Hatley, Dustin Wesley, Laura Weissenborn. ROW 2: Kari Shup, Joi McNeish, Emily Douglas, Lauren Miller, Leonard Wilson, Susan Baker. 4. ROW 1: Nicole Cripps, Stephanie Brake, Lesa Byrd, Katie Lathrop, Sara Halbrook, Julie Scott. ROW 2: Gregory Sarich, Jon Dickerson, Tina Evans, Robert Pritchard, Robert Harris, Ty Suhre. 5. Emily Vance, Sarah Clark, Jordan Aerts, Christina Brand, Jennifer Malady. 6. Keri Dix, Billie Hunt, David Svezia, Kathlynn Schermer, Carrie McDowell. 7. Michael Angle, Stephanie Ambuehl, Scott Horrell, Nicholas Wiehardt, Brian Moseley.

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A COOL SPORT

The ice hockey club is a group of cheerleaders, hockey players, coaches, and fans who all have one thing in common. They love the thrill of this fast-moving, exciting game.

The club also has several social events throughout the year. They all gather together at Relleke's farm and participate on their annual hayride and bonfire. They also have ice skating parties and a social dance.

The sponsor who helps organize these activities at GCHS is Donna Lobdell. This makes Mrs. Lobdell's fourth year as their sponsor.

Members all agree that ice hockey is a sport with rising popularity at GCHS. Fan attendance at the games is on the rise and more and more players are trying out for the team. Some loyal fans were asked to express their love for the game. Their comments are as follows:

Laura Weissenborn, hockey club treasurer, says, "I love to go to the games because it is such a fast-moving sport. There is always something exciting happening." Robert Pritchard says, "I enjoy the fast action and hard hitting."

"The speed of the game is what I like best." says Danny Forguson. Nicholas Wiehardt says, "My favorite part about hockey is the skill that it takes to play."

Stephanie Brake, concludes by saying, "The rush you get when our team scores a goal is what I like about hockey."

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APPRECIATING A CHALLENGE

The Individual Events team is composed of students with a special talent in speech, drama, and comedy. Each student competes in an event or events in which they excel. They perform in competitions throughout the year, with the coaching skills of Beverley Scroggins. The students that place first in their category are automatically invited to Scotty, the state tournament.

The team takes time to prepare themselves for intense competition. They find their specific material and become familiar with it. It must be completely memorized.

Before the competition begins, the students travel to different schools and test their skills against other talented students. The judges then select the students who advance to the second and final round. Granite City usually ranks very high among the winners.

At the end of the contest, all the schools gather for an award ceremony. the top five performers in their specific category are awarded certificates and the top three receive trophies. There are also awards presented to the school with the total most points of the competition.

Other than competitions, students are also involved with the production of school plays. They learn how to construct a set and proper lighting and sound for the plays. In return, students receive points for class and the experience of putting on a perfect production.

Students who are active in theatre are also eligible to join the International Thespian Society, a club for those who show a gifted talent in the theatrical arts. The I.E. team offers the guidance to achieve the ability to be a successful Thespian. Many Granite City students have achieved this honor.

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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: 1. Co-captain Ryan Moenster, Sponsor Mrs. Beverley Scroggins, co-captain Amy Pennell. 2. ROW 1: Nicole Love, Lora Smallman, Alicia Gaines, Karla Jones. ROW 2: Regina Wright, Stephanie Smiddy, Christina Brand, Allyson McDowell, Tracy O'Dell. 3. ROW 1: Hilary Martin, Natasha Magiaracino, Gretchen Gieson, Lindsay Lerch, Camille Fensterman. ROW 2: Jay Laird, Richard Skirball, Tom Petrillo, Tony Mell. 4. ROW 1: David Svezla, Dustin Ross. ROW 2: Christopher Singleton, David Cook, Joshua Mefford, Eddie Connolly, Marc Johnson.

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WITH HONORS

The National Honor Society is a prestigious group of high school students that are chosen by their scholarship, activity, and character. These members are seniors that devote much of their time to services in which NHS volunteers.

To be considered for the NHS, a student must have a 4.25 grade point average. In order to stay in this national organization, members must collect money for the United Way and attend the junior initiation ceremony in the spring. All other activities are optional but participation is highly recommended.

National Honor Society helps the community by participating in many fund raising activities including the D.A.R.E. festival, Jail and Bail, the United Way drive, and the Holiday Harvest, held at Relleke's Farm.

One member, Traci Manis said, "My favorite thing about National Honor Society is the donation to the child that we sponsor." In the past, NHS sponsored a child in South America named Abraham. Through a special organization, the society gave money to Abraham to provide him with clothes as well as other personal needs.

The officers of NHS organize everything in which the club participates. Officers for this year are president Sarah Fielding, vice-president Joseph Herman, secretary Rebecca Gehling, and treasurer Melissa Nelson.

The club underwent a change this year when Andy Yurko and Mary Perdue-Tapp resigned as sponsors. The new sponsors are Amy Heath and Bill Puhse. Both Mr. Puhse and Mrs. Heath are very honored by the opportunity to sponsor this organization and excited to follow in the club's tradition of service.

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NHS: 1. Sponsor Mrs. Amy Heath. 2. Officers: Melissa Nelson, Sarah Fielding, Joseph Herman, Rebecca Gehling. 3. Sponsor Mr. Bill Puhse. 4. ROW 1: Dennetta Boyd, Kathryn Cooper, Kimberly Greer. ROW 2: Timothy Dittman, Kathlynn Schermer, Kristin Ribbing, Steve Moss, Steven Graham. ROW 3: Mark Achenbach, Anna Tapp, Jenna Wright, Brian Kamadulski, Jay Laird. 5. Katarina Loyd displays a memento of the community service which aided in her acceptance into NHS. 6. ROW 1: Ismahan Mohsen, Hillary Aerts, Jamie Briggs, Traci Manis. ROW 2: Salina Morlen, Tarra Falter, Melissa David, Laura Davis, Connie Evans, Vanessa Vangel, Gretchen Wiegand. ROW 3: Kristin Sollberger, Michael Stone, Casey Ashby, Valerie Hankes. 7. Amy Heath and Joseph Herman display the community service plaque.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB: 1. Kathryn Cooper & Traci Manis display their carnations. 2. Christopher Markovich is a proud member of the club. 3. Christopher Sumpter works patiently to fix the flash. 4. Kimberly Greer, Joe Herman, and Madrigal Vorce. 5. Dimana Spudich, Kristen Ely & Christine Spudich. 6. Brandi Janitch, Meleea Dickerman & Kristin Hill. 7. Christopher Sumpter promotes business. 8. Joseph Herman prepares to take a picture. 9. Amanda Ragan views photos.

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ASA 400

Students who are interested in the art of photography can join the photography club. The members of the club share an enthusiasm for the art of photography and a passion for learning about darkroom procedures and camera equipment.

Members took photos throughout the school year and donated them to the yearbook staff. Film was provided for every member, and many of the students took advantage of this opportunity to take photos and eventually see them published.

The photography club purchases camera equipment and film to provide the amateur photographers with tools to produce top quality photos. The club has a fund raisers throughout the year. They sell carnations for special holidays such as Valentines Day, Halloween, St. Patricks Day, and Christmas.

The photography club advisor is D.P. Spudich. Officers this year are Kathryn Cooper, president; Kimberly Greer, vice president; Joseph Herman, secretary; and Dimana Spudich.

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QUILL AND SCROLL: 1. ROW 1: Christopher Sumpter, Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, Kristen Ely, Teresa Lynn. ROW 2: Joseph Herman, Megan Solomon, Marissa Slattery, Madrigal Vorce. 2. Melissa Smith, Jessica Huniak, Kimberly Greer. 3. Mrs. Cindy Gagich, Kimberly Greer, David Craig, WIL morning radio personality, Jessica Huniak, and Mr. Antonio Betancourt, Quill and Scroll sponsor. 4. Joseph Herman, David Craig, and Christopher Sumpter. 5. Jenna Wright, Melissa Nelson, and Kristin Sollberger. 6. Anna Tapp and Mr. Antonio Betancourt. 7. Christopher Sumpter and invited administrator, Mrs. Cindy Gagich. 8. Christine and Dimana Spudich. 9. Kimberly Greer and invited faculty member Mrs. Amy Alsop.

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AN ELITE GROUP OF STUDENTS

Quill & Scroll is an honorary society for high school journalists. A member must be ranked in the top one-third of their class, have completed a semester in a journalism class (Warrior Yearbook and Granite High World staff included), and receive a recommendation from the advisors.

The society was organized on April 10, 1926, for the purpose of encouraging as well as rewarding individual achievements in the field of journalism. This year, the club attended a performance by Calvin Trillen at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Calvin Trillen, a columnist for the New York Times, spoke about the exciting field of journalism: including his own experiences. Such outings were enjoyable for the students as well as being a good cultural experience.

After the fall semester, new members are inducted in an initiation ceremony. The society's president lead the candidates into the society and explained their responsibilities as members and journalists. As a guest speaker for the banquet this year, the club invited David Craig, of WIL Radio, who explained about his radio show. He encouraged the members to pursue a career in journalism, whether it be for a newspaper, television, or radio, and stressed that journalism is hard work and requires dedication, but is very satisfying.

Officers for this year were Kimberly Greer, president: Jessica Huniak, secretary: and Melissa Smith, treasurer. The club sponsor is Mr. Antonio Betancourt.

Journalism is full of adventure, and Quill & Scroll provides the students with an opportunity to become more involved in the field of writing.

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BE SMART, BE SOBER

Students Against Drunk Driving, S.A.D.D., is a growing club at Granite City High School. Its membership has nearly doubled since last year. The purpose of this club is to educate others about the effects of drinking and driving.

Club members attend many activities throughout the school year. Red ribbon week is one of the most influential activities the club members participate in. During this week, the club attempts to make their fellow classmates aware of the dangers of alcohol use. They also attend many GCHS sporting events as a collective group to help enhance school spirit and unity as a club. Other activities are a fall hayride, bowling, selling roses, and a spring picnic. The club holds an annual carwash in September as a fundraiser for these aforementioned events.

The club also attends a conference in Collinsville in the spring. At the conference students are encouraged to participate in a simulated situation that makes it seem as if the driver is under the influence of alcohol.

SADD officers for this school year are president Kristen Ely, vice-president Gretchen Wiegand, secretary Melanie England, and treasurer Daniel Dothage.

Sponsors for the SADD program are Gary Storm and Bruce Frank. Mr. Storm commented, "The leadership of SADD has expanded the club to include areas of the student population. Their efforts have greatly enhanced the message to not drink and drive. The opportunities which the club officers have given to the membership should result in a well organized and enjoyable club for all."

The club's sponsors as well as the officers hope that their efforts to provide beneficial information about alcohol use will aid our community's youth with their decisions.

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S.A.D.D.: 1. ROW 1: Officers: Kristen Ely, Gretchen Weigand, Melanie England. ROW 2: Mr. Gary Storm, Daniel Dothage, Mr. Bruce Frank. 2. ROW 1: Christopher Sumpter, Mitchell Goldenburg. ROW 2: Linda Dohnal, Samantha Butler, Connie Evans. ROW 3: Jason Stroder, Jacob Kamphoefner, Autumn Vincent, Joseph Willis. 3. ROW 1: Amy Krieshok, Kristin Setser, Emily Vance, Lauren Miller, Joi Mcneish. ROW 2: Sarah Luehmann, Sarah Clark, Emily Douglas, Nicholas Zotti, Harry Painter, Christopher Singleton, Michael Angle, Stephanie Ambuehl, Brittany Ashford. 4, ROW 1: Jennifer Boyer, Michele Milton, Katie Smith, Stacie Foster, Melissa Stone, Kelly Signall, Lindsay Foster. ROW 2: Richard Koerper, Christina Sowell, Jason Acord, Casandra Williams, Pamela Hunt, Kimberly Kohl, Cecilia McKee, Michele Milton. 5. ROW 1: Jessica Brown, Jamie Towery, Ryan Davis, Sarah Fielding, Stacey Baker, Valerie Hankes, Randall Davis. ROW 2: Andrew Balcer, Angela Kromraj, Penelope Meyer, Andrew Ravanelli, Janelle Hankes, James McKee, Blake Smith. 6. ROW 1: Kimberly Greer, Kimberly Cuvar, Carly Lasiter. ROW 2: Kerry Lasiter, Amber Parey, Cara Nighohossian, Martha Day, Traci Manis, Amy Thomas. ROW 3: Tina Evans, Tiffany Harris, Laurie Bohnenstiehl, Jenna Wright, Christina Rother, Megan Francis. 7. ROW 1. Julie Lenaster, Jan Shanafelt, Beth Seibold, Robyn Slater.

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FCA 1. Row 1: Jennifer Grable, Rebekah McGuire, Deanna Smith, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Catrina Robb, Jamie Baehr, Kimberly Ebrecht, Teresa Lynn, Sarah Moutria, Stephanie Summers, Laura Sorenson, Alicia Gaines. ROW 2: Belinda Newman, Joshua White, Valerie Hankes, Stacey Baker, Mandeline Hendricks, David Crouch, Joseph Moutria. ROW 3: Jeffery Baiter, Nicholas Thomas, William Kee, Breann Chastain, Steven Kirkpatrick, Michael Dahmm. 2. Mrs. Terry Papa beams with pride for the FCA. 3. Trent Thomas, a FCA member from Venice, proudly shows off his original rap song. 4. Madeline Hendricks is well on her way to stardom. 5. Valerie Hankes vocalizes her choice to serve. 6. Mike Dahmm plays the guitar. 7. Cheri and Nick Petrillo are proud sponsors of FCA. 8. Stacey Baker lets motions and feelings speak for her. 9. Mrs. Petrillo sings about her husband, the fat little baby. 10. Belinda Newman and William Kee show off their vocal skills. 11. Rebekah McGuire and Jennifer Grable are perfect duet material. 12. Members of the FCA show respect to the performers.

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SHARING THE FAITH

One of the newer clubs offered to students is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Its purpose is to let Christian students meet with fellow Christians for encouragement, fellowship, and a devotional.

FCA is one of the largest clubs at GCHS. The members are friendly and ready to welcome any newcomer. They come from different backgrounds, are in different grades, and go to different churches.

The FCA meets every other Monday night at a different member's home. Gym nights are scheduled on various dates and students are invited to attend activities at each others' churches. FCA takes part in several activities besides their regular meetings. They gathered around the flag pole in September for "See You At The Pole", visited a haunted house, took part in a food drive on Halloween night, put on a variety show, and did several other activities throughout the year.

The club also started a group that meets for prayer in the morning. The prayer meeting gives students a chance to pray before each school day, and every GCHS student is invited to attend the session. Students pray for the school, the teachers, the administrators, their fellow students, and themselves.

Although the F.C.A. may not be a club for everyone, its members would like for more students to join them at one time or another. It is a club that is different from all of the others, because it takes a stand and is full of students who are not afraid to share their faith.

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THE MYSTERIES OF SCIENCE

One of the most environmentally conscious clubs at our school is the science club. This club consists of around 100 members, who are involved in activities that not only benefit the environment, but also the students.

The sponsors, Shannon Muskopf and Michele Grooms, have taken the time to show that they care about the world and the school. They receive help from their newly elected 1997-1998 officers. Samantha Butler was chosen as president; Jeffery Ignatz, vice president; Crystal Brown, secretary; Jamie Briggs, treasurer; and Melissa Nelson, historian.

The members participate in many activities and fund raisers throughout the year. They sell safety glasses to the chemistry classes, participate in stash the trash, and attend a winter camping trip.

The club also rewards those who are more active by giving activity points. Students receive activity points for participating in activities. As they accumulate points their chances of going on field trips increases. Samantha Butler, a member who has been with the club for four years, said, "Throughout the four years that I have been in the science club, I have been given the chance to make great friends, while discovering that the club is a wonderful way to observe our world outside of the classroom." The science club is a good way to meet people while learning about the environment at the same time.

Joe Herman said, "This is my fourth year in the science club and I've enjoyed it every year. The new sponsors are doing a great job. I like the club because I always feel well informed about upcoming events."

The science club is the type of club in which you can help the school, make new friends, and learn about the environment. Most science club members join the club their freshman year and stay in it throughout their high school career. Members meet new people when they join, gain many friends and also have a great time while in the club.

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SCIENCE CLUB: 1. ROW 1: Teresa Lynn, Jennifer Dallas, Jeremy Niemeyer, Christopher Sumpter, Mitchell Goldenberg, Jesse Faulkner, Kathryn Vivod. ROW 2: Amber Lofink, Samantha Loyet, Johanna Ribley, Christie Callender, Matthew Whitehead, Amanda Foley, Rebecca Pierce, Courtny Lalla, Bridget Downs. 2. Michele Grooms, Shannon Muskopf. 3. ROW 1: Kelly Signall, Brandy Dugan, Renee Thornton, Melissa Stone, Stacie Foster, Joi McNeish, Katie Lathrop. ROW 2: Andrew Ravanelli, Ryan Davis, Laura Blankenship, Emily Vance, Emily Douglas, Lauren Miller, Christina Ballard, Sarah Clark. 4. ROW 1: Brandi Tate, Ashley Reynolds, Jamie Cassiday, Jondalyn Coziar, Pamela Krupco. ROW 2: Matthew Pistorius, Kate Marzluf, Aimee Nyers, Hae Won Suh, Robert Davis. 5. ROW 1. Kera Olson, Dimana Spudich, Christine Spudich, Meleea Dickermann. ROW 2: Angela Kromraj, Amber Lofink, Courtney Hitt, Thomas Stephens. 6. Tallin Curran, Ronald Wilkerson, Jon Dickerson. 7. Jerry Trickey and the members listen while guest speaker, Dan Davinroy, talks about Canada. 8. Michele Grooms and members enjoy a meeting after school. 9. Members attend an important meeting.

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SCHOLAR BOWL: 1. ROW 1: Karla Williams, Sarah Fielding, Joseph Herman. ROW 2: Kathryn Cooper, Melissa Nelson, Timothy Dittman. 2. Mrs. Amy Alsop and Timothy Dittman. 3. ROW 1: Cory Simpson, David Schallert, Cara Nighohossian. ROW 2: Jeffrey Ahlers, Steven Kirkpatrick, Adam Schillinger. 4. ROW 1: Alexandra Krinski. ROW 2: Ryan Dvais, Andrew Ravanelli. 5. ROW 1: Jennifer Ambuehl. ROW 2: Lindsay Foster, Andrew Balcer, Jeremiah Beckley. 6. Kathryn Cooper, Mr. Timothy Wilson, Joseph Herman.

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A TALE OF 10 SCHOLARS

The scholar bowl is made up of students who share a love of knowledge. These students are chosen to represent their school in competitions against other area schools. The competitions are made up of questions in the areas of science, history, art, mathematics, vocational skills, and sports. The teams race against the other team, and a clock, to answer the questions correctly.

The scholar bowl is made up of two teams; a varsity team and a junior varsity team. The junior varsity team is made up of freshmen and sophomores. The captains of the junior varsity team are Gary Brooks and Andrew Ravanelli.

The varsity team is made up of juniors and seniors. The returning seniors are Kathryn Cooper, Timothy Dittman, Sarah Fielding, Joseph Herman, Melissa Nelson, and Karla Williams. The varsity team is captained by Kathryn Cooper and Timothy Dittman.

The sponsors of the scholar bowl teams are Mrs. Amy Alsop and Mr. Tim Wilson. This is Mrs. Alsop's fifth year as sponsor, and Mr. Wilson's third year. They are extremely dedicated to the teams, and spend many hours helping the teams prepare for matches.

The varsity team competes in a few tournaments during the year. One such tournament is the Masonic Tournament. This tournament has many stages, the final stage being Masonic State. At the end of the season, the team competes in regional and sectional matches that lead to the state tournament.

The students who participate in scholar bowl should be commended for the dedication they bring to the team. The team members leave every match winners, despite the outcome of the game.

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DEBATE: 1. Varsity: Joseph Moutria, Craig Murphy, Felicia Mohsen, Jessica Mefford, Ismahan Mohsen, Tarra Falter, Sponsor Mrs. Beverley Scroggins. 2. Novice: ROW 1: Heather Leisher, Emily Falter, Natalie Judge, Susan Gauvin. ROW 2: Tabitha Barkley, Kathryn McKinney, Sarah Clark, Cheyenne Modglin, Justin Kuenkler. ROW 3: Matt Levart, Michael Stanley, Robert Shipley, Timothy Owens, John Ahlers. SPEECH AND THEATRE: 1. OFFICERS: Laura Nicol, Gretchen Gieson, Amy Pennell, Richard Skirball. 4. Christina Brand, David Cook, Sarah Gieson, Marc Johnson. 5. Robert Meszaros, Robert Shipley, John Mell, Edward Connoly. 6. Julie Mills, Stephanie Smitty, Katie Serrano.

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COMPETITIVE EDGE

The Granite City High School Debate team gives students the chance to show their ability to present a case. They devote hours of studying and researching to a given topic. Then they prepare two cases, one for the affirmative argument, and another for the negative. Once the cases are complete the team travels to other schools where they compete against other students.

There is also an innersquad tournament, the "Civil War" of the debate team. The winner receives a trophy and is given the title of "Top Debater" at GCHS. There is also an award given to the best speaker.

The team is coached by Beverley Scroggins, and consists of six varsity members, who play a significant role in the teaching of the fourteen novice debaters. The varsity debaters are Joeseph Moutria, Craig Murphy, Tarra Falter, Ismahan Mohsen, Felicia Mohsen, and Jessica Mefford. These students have mastered the skills of formal debate, and will pass their knowledge onto the novice team.

Speech and Theatre is a club for anyone interested in the performing arts. The club is mainly made up of members of the Individual Events team. This year's officers are co-presidents Amy Pennell and Gretchen Gieson, vice-president Laura Nicol, and treasurer Richard Skirball.

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WE'VE GOT SPIRIT

Many teams require enthusiasm and support in order to perform well. Teammates, coaches, and parents are a great source for these things, but a whole club is stupendous. Here at GCHS, that is just what we have.

The Spirit Club, which was formerly known as Red Peppers, focuses on promoting school and community spirit. The Spirit Club is a very popular organization which indicates that we are a school full of spirit.

The club is involved in many activities which enhance school spirit, but they are also involved in helping out the community. One community service the club takes part in is the assistance to the Animal Protection Agency.

School activities are the more popular and well-known ones in which the club participates. One of these includes the very popular, traditional selection of secret pals. Upon joining the club, each individual is asked if they would like to have a secret pal. Becoming someone's secret pal entails that you provide "goodies" for your designated pal for three consecutive days. Many opt to give bags filled with an assortment of candies and snacks, create signs of encouragement, decorate lockers, and just make the overall experience a memorable one for the athletes. Secret pals are chosen for fall, winter, and spring sports. The Spirit Club also decorates a float for the annual Homecoming parade and constructs the hoops which the athletes charge through prior to their match.

Another activity that is very popular amongst the students that the Spirit Club organizes is the "Sexy Legs" competition. Each year during Homecoming week, pictures of the legs of the varsity football team and varsity cheerleaders are displayed in the cafeteria next to containers which are provided so that students may vote for their preference by making a cash deposit. The male and female with the most money wins the competition.

The sponsor of the Spirit Club is Ms. Janet Williams and this year's officers are President; Kathryn Curran, Vice President; Amy Cox, Secretary; Natalie Denny, and Treasurer; Leanna Strubberg. Thank you to the club for all of their enthusiasm, encouragement, and support towards athletics and also the community of Granite City.

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SPIRIT CLUB: 1. Nicole Gaudrealt, Amanda Mendoza, Leighann Worthen, Carla Haug, Lauren Miller, Kimberlee Bennett, Amanda Zaring, Marissa Cox, Alaina Forys, Jamie Elmore, Sarah Moutria, Jennifer O'Bear. 2. Jennifer Boyer, Nicole Brown, Amy Brown, Bethany Georgeff, Amy Miller, Angela Brown. 3. Jennifer Goodrich, Theresa Hatley, Amy Pennell, Christina Clutts, Kathryn Oney. 4. Amy Monroe and Stephanie Ambuehl. 5. Pamela Krupco, Amy Bilderback, Sarah Fultz, Billie Hunt, Megan Curran, Autumn Vincent, Kristen Ely, Megan Francis, Leah Gamblin, Jamie Raub. 6. Heather Leisner, Kathryn McKinney, Amber Schmisseur, Jessica Harper, Christina Maloney, Kara Wallace. 7. Sarah Clark, Emily Douglas, Emily Vance, Rachel Means, Dimana Spudich, Christine Spudich, Meleea Dickerman. 8. ROW 1: Leigh Bell, Peggy Hammond, Sarah Harris. ROW 2: Carrie Hagnauer, Marla Vansickle, Katie Lathrop, Aimee Nyers, Ashley Bogovich, Sarah Jackstadt, Dennetta Boyd. 9. OFFICERS: Secretary; Natalie Denny, Treasurer; Leanna Strubberg, Vice President; Amy Cox, President; Kathryn Curran.

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OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Every school day, Student Council meets during 4/1 to make important decisions about our school. A student who wants to join must run against students their own age and be elected by those students.

All groups have leaders, and Student Council is no exception. This year the president, Jeffrey Klee, leads an anxious group of 35 students. He is assisted by two vice-presidents, Peggy Hammond and Hilary Martin. Kathlynn Schermer, the secretary, takes care of all the note taking, while Leah Gamblin, treasurer, handles all financial work. Melissa Smith, the historian, photographs and records activities throughout the year.

Student Council is trying to get the entire student body involved this year. Linda Ames, sponsor, said, "Student Council wants to be more active amongst the student body. We are trying to initiate new ideas and activities here at GCHS, but it takes the heart of everyone, not just Student Council to make GCHS even a better place."

Jeffrey Klee said, "This year Student council has been moving right along. Everybody is getting along and we're getting a lot done. We are planning on having a few new activities during homecoming week, such as Twister Night. We are also honoring staff members this year. It's called Staff of the Month."

This group is very involved in the community as well. They are regular participants at Holiday Harvest. They are also involved with collecting food baskets or collecting money for food baskets during Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas. With all of these great programs and activities, it is easy to see just why GCHS needs a Student Council.

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STUDENT COUNCIL 1. ROW 1: Melissa David, Kathlynn Schermer, Anna Tapp, David Darling. ROW 2: Rachel Rees, David Cook, Holly Ryan, Jonas Janek, Beth Reiter, Melissa Smith. 2. Advisor Linda Ames, Vice-President Peggy Hammond, Vice-President Hilary Martin, President Jeffrey Klee. 3. ROW 1: Sara Halbrook, Amy Penell, Stephanie Smiddy, Leah Gamblin. ROW 2: Jeremy Champion, Regina Wright, Lisa Sabol, Michael Angle, Jacob Kamphoefner. 4. ROW 1: Hae Won Suh, Joshua Mefford. ROW 2: Sarah Harris, Jessica Worthen, Joi McNeish, Theresa Hatley, Jeanna Janek. 5. Andrew Blaylock, Jonathan Franko, Andrew Balcer, Shannon Stapleton, Kara Wallace, Karla Jones.

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ALL AROUND THE WORLD

The Social Studies Club is an organization for students who are interested in the how's and why's dealing with how our society operates.

This year's officers are president Joseph Herman, vice-president Sarah Fielding, secretary Katie Serrano, and treasurer Jeffrey Ahler. Mr. Jim Lombardi is the returning sponsor. The club comes together for a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month.

As part of tradition, the Social Studies Club participates in fund raisers. This year, in contrast to previous years, the club opted to sell frozen pizzas, pies, and cookie doughs. These items were easy sellers and the amount the students sold will benefit them when it comes time for the spring trip. The money made by each individual will aid in paying for their trip if they choose to go.

In addition to the fund raiser, Mr. Lombardi arranged for the club to take a field trip to the Holocaust Museum. This proved to be a very educational and moving experience for everyone who attended. Along with the museum, the group was lucky enough to be included as some of the first who visited the newly established Planet Hollywood in St. Louis.

This year's Social Studies club president, Joseph Herman comments, "I like the Social Studies club because we are always active. From fund raisers to field trips, there is always something to do. I have a lot of fun working with Mr. Lombardi and all of the other members."

The Social Studies club has always been a very successful organization and continues to expand every year. Good luck to the future members and congratulations to those of the past.

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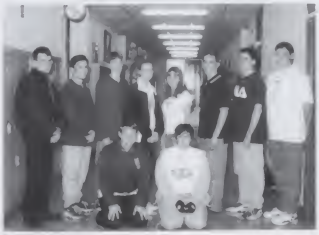

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SOCIAL STUDIES CLUB: 1. ROW 1: Jason Acord, Sara Halbrook, Cheyenne Modglin, Christopher Sumpter. ROW 2: Daniel James, Timothy Dittman, Michael Stone, Kristin Sollberger, Jenna Wright, Rebecca Gehling, Janelle Hankes. 2. OFFICERS: Joseph Herman; president, Jeffrey Ahlers; treasurer, Katie Serrano; secretary, Sarah Fielding; vice-president. 3. ROW 1: Julie Mills, Leah Gamblin, Candice Johnson, Laura Weissenborn. ROW 2: Amanda Rodgers, Jamie Raub, Kimberly Greer, Susan Baker. 4. ROW 1: Cara Nighohossian, Kristin Ely, Amanda Zaring, Megan Francis, Kimberly Boone. ROW 2: Stephanie Ambuehl, Nancy Ellington, Valerie Hankes, James Watson, Christopher Mertz. 5. ROW 1: Melissa Stone, Kelly Signall, Jane Signall, Traci Manis, Amy Thomas, Niccole Wania. ROW 2: Ryan Davis, Andrew Ravenelli, Cory Simpson, Ryan Moenster. 6. ROW 1: Alexandra Krinski, Breann Chastain, Julia Murphy. ROW 2: Amy York, Amanda Pashea, Jessica Davis, Kelly Evans, Kimberly Kohl, Matthew Reiter, Bryan Whited. 7. ROW: 1: Rocky Williams, Jenee Harper. ROW 2: Richard Bell, Jacob Kamphoefner, Daniel Winkle, Michelle Copeland, Sarah Davis, Blake Smith, Jason Stroder, Joseph Willis.

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VARSITY CLUB: 1. ROW 1: Kristen Ely, Michael Stone, John Ahlers. ROW 2: Holly Ryan, Anna Tapp, Jenna Wright, Laurie Bohnenstiehl. 2. ROW 1: Natalie Denny, Mindy Staggs, Scott Smallie, Jeremy Hunter, Amy Cox, Leigh Bell. 3. ROW 1: Della Moore, Kristin Stovall, Melissa Montgomery, Jamie Raub, Jessica Stratman. 4. ROW 1: Robyn Slater, Jan Shanafelt, Angela Kromraj, Jessica Wallace. 5. ROW 1: Officers: Hilary Martin, Rebecca Bargiel, Christina Clutts. 6. ROW 1: Michael Simpson, Daniel Dothage, Justin Williamson, Jason Dix, Sean Kuehnel. 7. ROW 1: Erika Todd, David Weathers, Melissa Smith, Dustin Brewer, Steven Graham. 8. ROW 1: Kathryn Curran, Leanna Strubberg, Kerry Lasiter, Erik Hamilton. ROW 2: Justin Gardiner, Kristin Ribbing. 9. ROW 1: Amy Miller, Amy Monroe. ROW 2: Jennifer Willman, Rebecca Bargiel, Kathlynn Schermer.

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LETTERS

When a student earns a varsity letter in a sport or activity, she/he have the option of joining the varsity club. The club consists of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have earned that special letter. After joining, the student must participate in one varsity sport or activity during each school year. Also, the student must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0.

Varsity Club participates in many activities throughout the year. In October, the club works at the Holiday Harvest at Relleke Pumpkin Farm. They also sponsor a donkey basketball game. This activity is a student favorite. The game is a competition between varsity club, student council, and faculty members.

They also have a lock-in at the Y.M.C.A. Members enjoy a night of swimming, volleyball, basketball and a great deal of pizza and soda. This year they are helping with the cancer drive. All profits from the game go to local charities, social activities, and the purchase of athletic equipment.

The sponsor of this club is Tim Moran. This is Mr. Moran's fifth year sponsoring the club. He has three dedicated officers to help him plan the club's activities. The officers are president, Rebecca Bargiel; vice-president Christina Clutts; and secretary, Hilary Martin. They work together to plan activities everyone will enjoy.

The varsity club is a chance for all varsity letter winners to come together and have fun, while also helping the school and community.

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V.I.C.A. 1. Advisor Paul Kimbrell. 2. Warner Johnsey, Daniel Mercer, David Weathers, Brian Tomarchio, Jennifer Garner, William Colp. 3. ROW 1: John Ashby, Michael Bauman, Leslie Whittington, Joseph Sharp. ROW 2: Gregory Cochran, Jess Reed, Jacob LeMaster, Alan Schmedeman. 4. ROW 1: Stephen Miller, Mathew Valle, Matthew Carson, Donald Cardin. ROW 2: Thomas Elledge, Shane Wright, Brian Tomarchio, Mario Rossi. 5. ROW 1: Stacy Ellis, Justin Hopper, Benjamin Starko, Robert Ruan, Jesse Cross. ROW 2: Andrew Werner, Mark Kraus, Daniel Dothage, Dwight Newman. ROW 3: Jason Peters. 6. Derek Smith, Kirk Brumley, Andy Swain, Rudy Rangel. ROW 2: Joshua Crowell, Terry Hull, Benjamin Thompson, Gregory Easler, Aaron Lindsey Long. ROW 3: Daniel Mercer, Matthew Blaylock, Russell Smith, Joshua Vanvleet, Timothy Vandaveer, Kristopher Goss. 7. Robert Beausejour, William Helm, John Siner, Chad Pilcic, Johnny Pellazari. 8. ROW 1: Jennifer Garner and Sherri Freeman. ROW 2: Kevin Hergert, Elsin Kessler, Christopher Voss. ROW 3: Lonnie Slone, William Colp, Mark Quigley.

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STATE COMPETITORS

One of the most active clubs at GCHS is V.I.C.A., Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. This club consists of students from the vocational classes and continues to grow each year.

The advisor of VICA is Donald Kimbrell. He has been advising and helping students in VICA for the last eight years. Each year he is assisted by an elected group of officers. This year's officers are Jennifer Garner, president; David Weathers, treasurer; Dan Mercer, reporter/historian; Warner Johnsey, parliamentarian; Mario Rossi, assistant treasurer; and Mark Quigley, assistant secretary.

VICA members participate in a variety of activities throughout the year. The club's float placed first in the Homecoming parade. The long hours of work and preparation paid off when they realized they were voted Number One.

Throughout the year the club also has many fundraisers. They sell candy, pens, discount cards, and candles. The club uses the money they raise for sending members to the state competition.

This competition is an event that all members work toward throughout the school year. To qualify, participants must first pass a written test on the sectional level. Last year the test scores for GCHS increased greatly. Mr. Kimbrell hopes the scores continue to increase and that Granite City will once again take state honors.

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YOUNG AUTHORS: 1. Sponsors Laura Sullivan and Ed Whittleman. 2. Ed Whittleman. 3. Laura Sullivan. 4. Tiffany Click, Jessica Hubler, Ryan Burton, Joshua W. Harrison. 5. Charles Nagy, Brian Bogovich, Nicole Gaudreault, Robyn Slater. 6. Katie Smith, Renée Condray, Mitchell Goldenburg, Richard Koerper II.

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POWER OF THE PEN

Have you ever dreamed of becoming a great writer, winning a Pulitzer Prize, and being recognized as a famous writer throughout the world? If you have, the Young Authors club is for you. The Young Authors club is designed for students who enjoy expressing their creative sides through writing. The club is made up of young and enthusiastic writers who enjoy sharing their works with each other and the school.

The club is sponsored by Mr. Ed Whittleman and Ms. Laura Sullivan. The sponsor's duties include advising the students during the publication of the literary magazine, "Student Voice."

The club's primary activity is the publication of the "Student Voice." The "Student Voice" is a book containing essays, poetry, and prose. At their weekly meeting, members submit writings to be entered in the book. They also accept submissions from students who are not members, but would like their work to be published and recognized. All members of the Young Authors club devote many hours of hard work to the publication of the "Student Voice." The literary magazine is a huge undertaking and all club members should be commended for the wonderful job they do.

The members of the Young Authors club are very dedicated and talented writers. They spend many hours working to perfect their writing style. Once again, they deserve our congratulations for the wonderful job they do.

PERFORMANCE

The colorguard girls in a casual moment at camp.

Members of the Marching Warrior saxophone section.

Ricky Woodard, Janelle Hankes, & Nealie Ingram.

The pom-pon squad.

Poms Kristin Bernaix, Amy Pennell, & Stephanie Smiddy.

The soccer cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders at the all-school assembly.

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GET WITH THE BEAT

Of the activities available at the high school, one of the most difficult and demanding is band. Band requires diligence, intelligence, concentration, coordination, versatility, and talent.

The band is under the direction of a new conductor, Ben Jackels. Mr. Jackels is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and this is his first year teaching. He is accompanied by Mr. Wyatt Roberds, who has been the assistant band director at the high school for two years.

Band is divided into two main parts, the marching and the concert. Marching band takes up most of the first semester. The marching show, "Granite-It's Funk Rock", was very original, and most students agree that it was more fun than some of the shows of the past. It included familiar tunes such as "Sir Duke," "Shaft," "That's the Way," and "Chameleon." The marching band participated in several different competitions throughout the season. They competed in Murphysboro, Pinckneyville, Washington, and at the University of Illinois.

The concert band performs in three major concerts during both semesters. Members of the concert band make up the jazz band and the pep band. The Christmas Concert is the first of three concerts presented by the concert band. This year, the concert took place on December 11th. Besides the selected Christmas pieces, "Jingle Bell Rhapsody," "Nutcracker Suite," "T'was the Night Before Christmas," and "Sleigh Ride," several ensembles were included in the program as well as a mini concert by the jazz band.

Jazz band and pep band are the two special bands that require a tryout for entry. Jazz Band performs one concert in the spring, besides the mini-concert put on at the Christmas concert. It is directed by Mr. Roberds. The pep band, for the first time this year, was a group selected by tryouts. Along with this change, the pep band changed its name to the "Steel City Sound." They performed at several places besides the usual home basketball games. These include performances at the Illinois College basketball game and the Music Ambassadors for GCHS.

Besides the two other traditional concerts the band performs in the spring, the band played at the spring graduation ceremony and went on a special trip to Florida over spring break.

Many talented musicians make up the band. They are dedicated to good music, as well as bettering themselves. Through this dedication, hard work, and talent, the band is one of the most successful groups at GCHS.

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1. CONCERT BAND: ROW 1: Holly Nail, Crystal Jones, Amanda Foley, Mark Moulton, Jori Keener, Shena Scrum, Salina Morlen, Sara Hull, Shannon Colbert, Laura Davis, Connie Evans, Andrea Stovall. ROW 2: Laura Kohenskey, Philip Huniak, Courtny Lalla, Mark Moseley, Mitchell Goldenberg, Shannon Cuvar, Janelle Belles, Tiffany Thick, Rebecca Pierce, Hillary Aerts, Jesse Faulkner, Rebekah McGuire, Linda Petchulat, Franziska Davis, Jaime Rushing, Deanna Smith, Elizabeth Weatherly. ROW 3: Victor Peralez, Matthew Thomas, Harry Painter, Brian Bogovich, Katrina Smith, Kyle Bridges, Matthew Whitehead, Christopher Lewis, David Schallert, Vanessa Vangel, Dustin Sendejas, Amanda Burch, Eric Smith, Andrea Dillard, Katie Smith. ROW 4: Steve Geroff, Joseph Million, Hardin Haynes, Shannon Gergen, Jeffrey Beckwith, Gary Colp, James Watson, Jonathan Vorce, Nathan Robbins, Jonathan Weiss. ROW 5: Michael Eichacker, Jonathan Hayes, Joseph Hahs, Diane Lickenbrock, Erica Reed, Zachary Giese, Anthony Guithues, Gregory Sarich, Joshua Rushing, Colin Anderson, Casey Ashby, Angela Morris, Nathan Bain, Denise Mueller, Tara Tullock, Steven Kirkpatrick, Benjamin Hayes, John Dimitroff, Zachary Smith, Jenna Grable, Ben Jackels, Wyatt Roberds. 2. MARCHING BAND: ROW 1: Benjamin Hayes, Steven Kirkpatrick, Zachary Giese, Denise Mueller, Joseph Hahs, Casey Ashby, Angela Morris, Gregory Sarich, Colin Anderson, Nathan Bain, Jonathan Hayes, Jeffrey Karns. ROW 2: Michelle Roeder, Heather Passig, Diane Lickenbrock, Linda Petchulat, Connie Evans, Deanna Smith, Sarah Hull, Andrea Stovall, Laura Davis, Salina Morlen, Katie Smith, Rebekah McGuire, Lyndsay Davis, Tarra Falter. ROW 3: Linda Dohnal, Sherry Presswood, Tara Tullock, Holly Nail, Shena Scrum, Courtny Lalla, Mark Moulton, Crystal Jones, Amanda Burch, Michael Stowell, Andrea Dillard, Jori Keener, Philip Huniak, Jamie Jones, Amanda Harris. ROW 4: Donna Moseley, Denise Carroll, John Dimitroff, Brandon Rollins, Eric Smith, Mitchell Goldenberg, Hillary Aerts, Rebecca Pierce, Shannon Cuvar, Janelle Belles, Mark Moseley, Melissa Lueke, Jesse Faulkner, Blake Smith, Jennifer Ragan, Samantha Butler. ROW 5: Lisa White, Kristina Trucks, Anthony Guithues, Harry Painter, Kyle Bridges, Jason Brandon, Matthew Thomas, Christopher Lewis, Matthew Whitehead, Brian Bogovich, Victor Peralez, Vanessa Vangel, David Schallert, Dustin Sendejas, Jennifer Ambuehl, Laura Kohensky. ROW 6: Shannon Colbert, Sara Baxter, Erica Reed, Jonathan Vorce, Gary Colp, James Watson, Jonathan Weiss, Nathan Robbins, Shannon Gergen, Steve Geroff, Hardin Haynes, Joseph Million, Zachary Smith, Rachel Flanigan, Jaime Rushing. 3. Drum majors Jaime Rushing and Shannon Colbert marking time. 4. The drum majors are set on a great performance.

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1. JAZZ BAND: SEATED: Jesse Faulkner, Hillary Aerts, Rebecca Pierce, Tiffany Thick, Shannon Cuvar. STANDING ROW 1: Erica Reed, Zachary Smith, John Dimitroff, Mitchell Goldenberg, Mr. Wyatt Roberds, Joshua Rushing, Colin Anderson, Shannon Gergen, Jeffrey Beckwith, Joseph Million, Jonathan Weiss, Hardin Haynes, Mr. Ben Jackels. STANDING ROW 2: Kyle Bridges, Matthew Whitehead, Matthew Thomas, Victor Peralez, Christopher Lewis. 2. Band director Ben Jackels and assistant band director Wyatt Roberds. 3. STEEL CITY SOUND: ROW 1: Mr. Ben Jackels, Kyle Bridges, Katie Smith, Nathan Robbins, Jonathan Weiss, Holly Nail. ROW 2: Harry Painter, Amanda Foley, Andrea Dillard, Sara Hull, Shannon Colbert, Andrea Stovall, Shannon Cuvar, Jesse Faulkner, Tiffany Thick, Joseph Million, Mitchell Goldenberg. ROW 3: Dustin Sendejas, Matthew Whitehead, Mark Moulton, David Schallert, Victor Peralez, James Watson, Vanessa Vangel, Philip Huniak, Rebecca Pierce, Casey Ashby, Hillary Aerts, Colin Anderson, Eric Smith, Katrina Smith, Rebekah McGuire. BAND COUNCIL: ROW 1: Jaime Rushing, Shannon Colbert, Salina Morlen, Hillary Aerts. ROW 2: Angela Morris, Denise Mueller, Colin Anderson, Casey Ashby, Matthew Whitehead.

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1. VARSITY FOOTBALL: ROW 1: Jenna Williams, Leanna Strubberg. ROW 2: Amy Monroe, Leigh Bell, Dennetta Boyd. ROW 3: Amy Brown, Angela Brown, Amy Miller, Heather Ackerman. ROW 4: Amy Cox, Mindy Staggs, Natalie Denny, Kristin Ribbing. 2. VARSITY WRESTLING: ROW 1: Jessica Bauer, Natalie Denny, Captain Kristin Ribbing, Sarah Fultz. ROW 2: Laura Stille, Julie Wilson, Coach Diane Peach, Stephanie Brake, Christy Koester. 3. VARSITY SOCCER: ROW 1: Melissa David, Kathlynn Schermer. ROW 2: Jennifer Willman, Crystal Meyer, Rachel Rees, Melissa Webb. ROW 3: Natasha Howell, Alysha Ward, Crystal Cavins, Hilary Martin, Carissa Ridenour, Peggy Hammond.

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THREE CHEERS FOR THOSE WHO CHEER

We've got spirit, yes we do. We've got spirit and we'll rock you! This is one of the cheers you would hear if you were at a school sporting event.

The outcome of many sporting events depends upon the enthusiasm of the crowd. The yells and cheers of the fans is one of the main purposes of a cheerleader. Throughout the year, the individual cheering groups, known as squads, encourage their various Warrior teams to victory.

Why do students want to become cheerleaders? Does flying through the air, cheering, and clapping sound like fun? Are those long hours of practice that begin after school an exciting way to end the school day?

The girls and boys of the GCHS cheerleading squads think it's all worth the time and effort. They know when they are performing their routine, it must be perfect. Every person on the squad is important and has a job to do. No one ever realizes the risk involved unless everyone works together. It is just as important to be the base of a pyramid as be the one in the air on the top.

The cheerleading squads consist of both girls and boys. There are nine talented squads this year. They consist of varsity and junior varsity football, varsity and junior varsity soccer, varsity and junior varsity basketball, varsity and junior varsity wrestling and the freshman cheerleaders.

The sponsors this year are Denise Spalding for basketball, Pam Bjorkman for soccer, Leah McFarland for freshmen, Diane Peach for wrestling, and Janet Williams for football.

The GCHS cheerleaders are highly appreciated by the members of the teams they represent. The fans also enjoy listening to their enthusiastic cheers. Keep up the good work and cheerful spirit.

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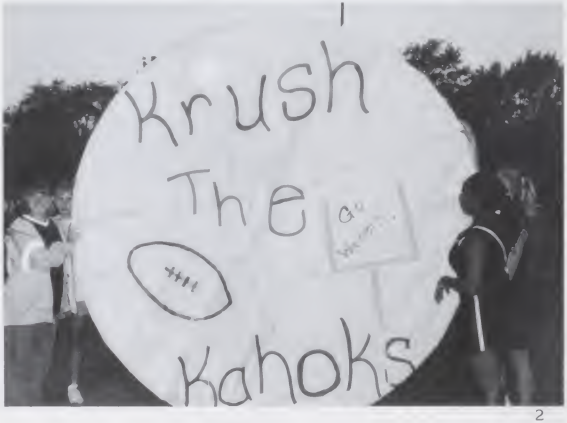
1. JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL: ROW 1: Kimberlee Bennett, Amanda Zaring, Jennifer Noeth. ROW 2: Alaina Forys, Jamie Elmore, Jessica Fondren. ROW 3: Stephanie Brake, Jessica Bauer, Marissa Cox, Marla Vansickle. ROW 4: Laura Stille, Matthew Salzman. 2. Cheerleaders wait for the football players. 3. JUNIOR VARSITY SOCCER: ROW 1: Courtney Bosworth, Amber Hopper. ROW 2: Rachel Means. ROW 3: Ashley Slover, Sarah Harris, Billie Hunt. 4. JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL: ROW 1: Rachel Means. ROW 2: Courtney Bosworth, Sarah Harris. ROW 3: Heather Ackerman, Jessica Fondren, Marla Vansickle, Amber Hopper. ROW 4: Jamie Elmore, Jessica Partney, Amanda Zaring, Theresa Hatley.



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1. VARSITY BASKETBALL: ROW 1: Melissa David, Hilary Martin, Dennetta Boyd. ROW 2: Amy Brown, Melissa Webb, Rachel Rees. ROW 3: Sherri Freeman, Carissa Ridenour, Amy Cox, Angela Brown, Peggy Hammond. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING: ROW 1: Janelle Belles. ROW 2: Jennifer Noeth, Jamie Elmore, Holly Bradshaw. 3. FRESHMEN FOOTBALL: ROW 1: Kara Wallace, Amanda Whitehead, Laura Canada. ROW 2: Jill Jenkins, Christina Maloney, Jennifer Goodrich, Julie Whittington, Sarah Riggs. ROW 3: Karla Jones, Deidre Rosenburg, Ashley Bywater, Anna Welser. ROW 4: Faith Yurcisin, Rachelle Wallace, Shannon Stapleton, Amanda Briggs, Jessica Howell. 4. The freshmen cheerleaders at one of their football games. 5. Melissa David and Kathlynn Schermer.

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COLOR GUARD 1. ROW 1: Samantha Butler, Lyndsay Davis, Tarra Falter, Heather Passig, Michelle Roeder, Angie Thomas. ROW 2: Sherry Presswood, Linda Dohnal, Dena Williams, Elizabeth Weatherly, Amanda Harris, Rachel Flanigan, Donna Moseley, Lisa White, Denise Carroll. ROW 3: Kristina Trucks, Sara Baxter, Jennifer Ambuehl, Jennifer Ragan, Elizabeth Kohenskey. 2. Linda Dohnal, Sherry Presswood and Amanda Harris. 3. The color guard marches during the Homecoming Parade. 4. Color guard members practice at camp. 5. Color guard preforms with the Marching Warriors at a contest. 6. Color guard members relax during summer camp. 7. ROW 1: Michelle Roeder, Tarra Falter and Lyndsay Davis. ROW 2: Samantha Butler, Angie Thomas and Heather Passig. 8. ROW 1: Linda Dohnal. ROW 2: Jennifer Ambuehl, Angie Thomas, Michelle Roeder, Heather Passig, Elizabeth Weatherly, Sherry Presswood and Lisa White. 9. Dena Williams and Linda Dohnal.

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SQUAD LEADERS

The color guard squad is a group of very talented girls. There are 28 girls on the squad this year. The color guard is a combination of the rifles and the flags squads from previous years.

This year's squad is directed by Benjamin Jackels and Jodi Leeker. It is led by senior captain Tarra Falter. Mr. Jackels and Ms. Leeker created the football pregame and halftime shows. The seniors are given the opportunity to create the basketball halftime shows and parade performances.

Being a member of the color guard requires many hours practicing routines. The guard practices everyday during seventh hour, and they practice twice a week after school. During the summer they attend a camp at the University of Illinois.

The squad travels with the marching band to perform at various field competitions. This year's competitions include performances at the University of Illinois, Murphyesboro, Picneyville, and Washington, Missouri. They also participate in numerous parades: such as on Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"The color guard has improved in both performance and maturity throughout the year due to our older members of the corp," says Benjamin Jackels.

The girls have maintained their high standards throughout the year. It is up to the future squads to continue to carry on the tradition of excellence.

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Music is a gift that only the luckiest people possess, but almost everyone wishes that they could receive. Besides the natural talent, however, being a good musician involves self-discipline, hard work, dedication, and determination.

Choral classes offered at GCHS help develop a young musician's talent so that they can learn to appreciate it and continue to use it in the future. There is a class for every singer, though the measure of their talents vary. Girl's Glee, Advanced Mixed Chorus, Cantando, and Swing Choir are the different classes offered. Mrs. Gail Mueller is the vocal instructor, and spends many strenuous hours working with the different choirs to develop their personal skills as well as the group's blend.

Girl's Glee is available only to female vocalists. The class is convenient for girls with very little room on their schedule, but want to sing.

Advanced Mixed Chorus consists of boys and girls from every grade level. The class is for some of the more skilled singers. Students in Advanced Mixed Chorus are required to know how to read music and produce harmony when singing with others.

Cantando is one of the more advanced classes. This group is another more experienced group. Because of the amount of talent that the group has, the class requires less instruction.

Swing choir, like advanced mixed chorus, is offered to both girls and boys. Swing choir takes trips to nearby nursing homes and hospitals, and takes a trip to visit several schools in the district. These performances are greatly enjoyed by the audience as well as the singers themselves.

Many of the more talented vocalists are also invited to join Modern Music Masters, or Tri-M, an honorary music society. Choir students share Tri-M membership with band students, and must have developed a great musical talent.

All of the hard work and extensive training pays off during every performance. The choirs astound their audiences each time they perform with their beautiful music. Music soothes the savage beast: music is magic. Every music student possesses the magic of music, and a desire to develop that magic.

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1. SWING CHOIR: ROW 1: Jeremy Champion, Renee Condray, Ricky Woodard, Shelly Pulaski. ROW 2: Sarah Kirkpatrick, Charles Duckworth, Jodi Boone, Kristen Lance, Tony Click, Valerie Hankes, Amanda Boone, James Hancock. ROW 3: Emily Garofoli, William McElroy, Deanna Booker, William Farmer, Tiffany Click, Richard Harper, Amy Newman, Robert Henderson, Kate Hollis, Scott Whipple, Nealie Ingram, Daniel Brown. ROW 4: Joe Wineburner, Keralynn Spreitler, Todd Brady, Stephen Asbeck, Julie Wilkinson, James Knox, Joshua Burkett, Kari Shup, Terry Butler. 2. GIRL's GLEE CLUB: ROW 1: Heather Atkins, Misti Ford, Amy Crites, Amy Byrd, Amy Bowen, Kimberly Williams, Ammee Chepely, Melissa Zigler, Renee Cortez, Angela Potter. ROW 2: Kelly Biver, Danielle Cole, Kristina Murray, Amanda Biver, Jayme Hanner, Cheryl Arnold, Eugenia Isreal, Kachenia McMullen, Quawana Gary, Shanna Keel, Tonya Walker. ROW 3: Trudy Grooms, Miya Gilleland, Elisa Crockett, Kellie Douglas, Stephanie Jovi, Melanie England, Cara Nighohossian, Samantha Lindsey, Jamie Edwards, Debra Davis, Michelle Gibson, Tanya Chronister. ROW 4: Amanda Taylor, Casandra Williams, Bernice Fields, Jennifer Hartwick, Amber Morgan, Angela Turner, Nichole Jones, Mary Vasquez, Kira Ryan, Emily Garofoli, Jennifer Wielgus, Deanna Booker. ROW 5: Gail Mueller, Deliscia St. Clair, Jessica Drennan, Rebecca Wright, Samantha Barton, Tara Sander, Megan Solomon, Jamie Fields, Angela Perdue, April Borth, Amanda Stephens, Kiesha Smith, Jamie Elmore, Alaina Forys, Crystle Bierschwal. ROW 6: Robert Raymond, Jamie Schreiber, Candice Herin, Jessica Earhart, Michelle Gall, Jamie Fleck, Erica Ingram, Nicole Brown, Candice Hildreth, Tiffany Redden, Brandee Macko, Amanda Mance, Charlene Johnson, Melissa Theis, Amanda Lyons, Dawn Halley.

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1. OFFICERS: Kari Shup, Nealie Ingram, Ricky Woodard, Valerie Hankes. 2. Mrs. Gail Mueller. 3. ADVANCED MIXED CHORUS: ROW 1: Emily Garofoli, Holly Bradshaw, Julie Wilkinson, Shelly Pulaski, Jodi Boone, Tiffany Click, Kristen Lance, Deanna Booker. ROW 2: Sarah Breidenbach, Renee Condray, Rebecca Ellsworth, Jamie Alexander, Keralynn Spreitler, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Rachel Mortenson, Casey Grieve. ROW 3: Joe Wineburner, Marie Tudor, Amanda Boone, Amy Davenport, Valerie Hankes, Mandeline Hendricks, Christina Brimm, Kari Shup, Franziska Paessler. ROW 4: Amy Newman, Nealie Ingram, Janelle Hankes, Alan Williams, Charles Duckworth, John Nicol, James Hancock, Daniel Brown, Christopher Jackson. ROW 5: Mr. Robert Raymond, Tony Click, Richard Harper, Jason Taylor, William McElroy, William Farmer, Scott Whipple, Todd Brady, Terry Butler, Mrs. Gail Mueller. ROW 6: Ricky Woodard, Robert Henderson, William Kee, Donnie Pugh, John Wise, James Knox, Joshua Bishop, Stephen Asbeck, Aaron Howard. 4. CANTANDO: ROW 1: Kelly Biver, Deliscia St. Clair, Tonya Walker, Debra Davis, Maria Tostado, Samantha Lindsey, Holly Bradshaw. ROW 2: Amanda Stevens, Angela Turner, Catrina Robb, Jamie Alexander, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Keralynn Spreitler, Tiffany Click, Danielle Cole. ROW 3: Noma Jordan, Kira Ryan, Eugenia Isreal, Amanda Boone, Emily Garofoli, Marie Tudor, Kate Hollis, Mrs. Gail Mueller. ROW 4: Robert Raymond, Crystle Biershwal, Nicole Brown, Dawn Halley, Valerie Hankes, Amy Newman, Mandeline Hendricks. 5. TRI-M: ROW 1: Shannon Colbert, Hillary Aerts, Valerie Hankes, Nathan Robbins. ROW 2: Andrea Stovall, Salina Morlen, Angela Morris, Sara Hull, Katie Smith, Nealie Ingram, Jeremy Champion. ROW 3: Matthew Whitehead, Colin Anderson, Philip Huniak, Casey Ashby, Jamie Alexander, Holly Nail, Daniel Brown, James Hancock, Rebekah McGuire, Jonathan Weiss, Ricky Woodard.

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DANCING DOLLS

The Pom-pon squad of GCHS consists of 20 of our schools most hard-working, outgoing, and talented dancers. These girls practice many hours each week to perfect their routines.

The poms provide entertainment at school sporting events. Throughout the year they hold many fund raisers, such as car washes and the sales of holiday items. They also host the annual pom-pon clinic for grade school children. The children who attend the clinic learn the proper techniques of dancing. Upon completion, they receive a certificate, shirt, and a traditional pom.

During the summer the poms attend camp. At camp they learn new dance techniques and brush up on their existing skills. It becomes a great learning experience and allows each of the girls to become better acquainted with different routines from various schools.

Togetherness and support is important to everyone on the squad also. Sara Halbrook, a junior who has been on the poms since her freshman year said, "My favorite thing about being a pom is having the opportunity to be with my friends and doing something I love like dancing."

The GCHS poms are lead by their sponsor, Mrs. Vanessa Mattern. This year the captains were Amy Pennell, Beth Reiter, and Kimberly Snell. Amy Pennell said, "My favorite part about being a pom is getting to perform. The girls really show their abilities when they get on the field and strut their stuff."

Beth Reiter added, " Poms is so much fun. I've made 19 close friends and I get to do my favorite thing which is dance. Everybody is so close and we always have fun at practice." Kimberly Snell concluded by saying, "Poms is great. It is a lot of hard work but in the end all of your practice and dedication pays off and makes the squad the best dancers at GCHS."

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POM-PONS: 1. ROW 1: Kimberly Snell, Beth Reiter, Amy Pennell. ROW 2: Julie Scott, Candice Johnson, Sara Halbrook, Kristin Bernaix. ROW 3: Tisha Gilliam, Lesley Cameron, Holly Ryan, Sarah Garcia, Julie Mills. ROW 4: Lydia Bettorf, Stephanie Smiddy, Susan Baker, Stephanie Ambuehl, Laura Nicol, Catherine Robbins, Megan Bilyeu, Meagan McKechan. 2. ROW 1: Kimberly Snell, Beth Reiter, Amy Pennell. ROW 2: Julie Scott, Candice Johnson, Sara Halbrook, Kristin Bernaix. ROW 3: Tisha Gilliam, Lesley Cameron, Holly Ryan, Sarah Garcia, Julie Mills. ROW 4: Lydia Bettorf, Catherine Robbins, Stephanie Smiddy, Susan Baker, Stephanie Ambuehl, Laura Nicol, Megan Bilyea, Meagan McKechan. 3: Amy Pennell. 4: The GCHS pom-pons squad marches in the Homecoming Parade.

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WINTER PLAY: 1. ROW 1: David Svezia, Todd McQueen, Salvador Ochoa. ROW 2: Joshua Mefford, Daniel James, Ryan Burton. 2. Christina Brand, Susan Gauvin, Laura Nicol, Thomas Petrillo, Amy Krieshok, Timothy Knowlton, Justin Kuenkler, Jeremy Champion, Ricky Woodard. 3. Beverley Scroggins and Allyson McDowell. 4. Stephanie Ambuehl, Julie Mills and Beverley Scroggins. 5. Jacob Kamphoefner, David Cook, John Ahlers, David Wright, Andrew Elliff, Ryan Moenster, Natasha Mangiaracino. 6. ROW 1: Amber Schmisseur, Karla Jones, Alicia Gaines. ROW 2: Regina Wright, Stephanie Smiddy, John Mell, Samareia Darling. ROW 3: Katie Serrano, Amanda Rodgers, Megan Solomon. 7. David Elliff, Marc Johnson and Edward Connolly. 8. Lora Smallman, Amy Pennell and Margaret Holland-Pennell.

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INHERIT THE WIND

"Inherit The Wind"is a moving examination of our basic rights as Americans-the freedoms of thought and expression. We are all human, and as such, faulty. We want freedom for ourselves, but not the other guy. The bigotry portrayed in this script is so American and so like us, a few years back. The resolution of the conflict in this explosive drama, while sad, is very heartwarming in its affirmation of our basic freedoms and the generosity of spirit that is our heritage as Americans." said director Ms. Beverley Scroggins.

"Inherit The Wind" was written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. It was performed on the GCHS stage by the speech department on January 29 & 30, 1998.

The play occurs in the summer, some years back, in a small town in Tennessee. It was about an elementary teacher, Bertram Cates, played by David Cook, who was arrested for his teachings on evolution. Rachel Brown, played by Amy Pennell, was in love with Bertram Cates, but her father was the town preacher. The town members wanted Bertram Cates to spend many years in prison.

Many famous Americans were portrayed in the play. The town hired a very respected lawyer Matthew Harrision Brady, whose character represents William Jennings Bryan, a well-known past presidential candidate. This part was played by Ryan Moerster. The attorney for the accused was Henry Drummond, played by Jacob Kamphoefner. Henry Drummond's character is based on Clarence Darrow a well-known defense attorney. John Ahlers played the presiding judge.

The court case was very intense. Bertram Cates was found guilty, and was asked to pay a $100 fine. The town people were not overly excited with the outcome, but were forced to deal with it.

The students expressed their characters in a way that the audience could visualize the collision of Darrow and Bryan. Congratulations to Mrs. Scroggins, the speech and theatre department, and all the outstanding actors.

SPORTS

Zachary May shoots for two more points.

Erika Todd dribbles down the court.

Jenna Wright prepares to serve.

Jonathon Burnett at football practice.

Dennis Holland and Corey Wallace battle for the ball.

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DAZZLE THE OPPONENT

The 1997-1998 boys basketball team had an exciting season. The boys worked and played hard in games and tournaments. The Alton tournament was one of the most successful for the Warriors, for they placed first. Some other challenging tournaments were held in Collinsville and Salem.

The coaching staff includes varsity coach John VanBuskirk, junior varsity coach Carl Leuhman, sophomore coach David Weller, and freshman coach Daren DePew. These coaches teach the boys teamwork and help them improve on fundamentals of the game. Coach John VanBuskirk said, "This is a very good group of young men. It has been my privilege to work with them this year. I wish them all the very best."

The varsity team is ranked ninth in the regional tournament this year and played their game in Cahokia. Seventeen teams participate in this tournament, so it is quite an accomplishment to hold this place.

Dustin Brewer, the varsity captain, said, "We've had a very rocky season, but our guys are really motivated and love to play. It has been a memorable year and I am going to miss all of the guys." Steven Graham commented, "Boys basketball is lots of fun. I love the sport and I enjoy the camaraderie with my teammates. This year has had many ups and downs, but overall it's been a good year."

The seniors, Tim Wallace, Steve Graham, Jeff Hayden, Juannell Goodwin, Dustin Brewer, Brian Kamadulski, and Scott Laird, will all be missed and are wished the best of luck with their future plans.

The junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman teams all had successful seasons. They worked hard and gave the school many reasons to be proud. The junior varsity team was led by captains Kevin Elliott and Michael Simpson. Sophomore and freshman captains change every game.

These teams have given their best throughout the season. Becoming a team and learning to work with others can be hard, but it is some of the most rewarding work there is. The boys basketball teams have had their hard times, but have come a long way since the beginning of the year. Congratulations on a well-played season.

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VARSITY: ROW 1: Zachary May, Andrew Ronk. ROW 2: Jason Kelsaw, Timothy Wallace, Steven Graham, Kevin Elliott, Jeffrey Hayden, Juannell Goodwin. ROW 3: Matthew Pistorius, Michael Simpson, Christopher Tindall, Dustin Brewer, Brian Kamudulski, Rocky Smith, Jay Laird. 2. Zachary May makes a spectacular pass. 3. Timothy Wallace attempts a jump shot. 4. Rocky Smith blocks a shot.

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1. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Andrew Ronk, William Kee, Scott Schardan, Justin Roehr. ROW 2: Jason Kelsaw, Bobby Rider, Kevin Elliott, Michael Simpson, Joseph Laird, Coach Carl Layman. 2. SOPHOMORES: ROW 1: Brett Briggs, Jeffrey Schlecht, Joshua Peacher, Justin Jones, Jeremy Stone. ROW 2: Justin Cann, Justin Peters, Justin Roehr, Scott Schardan, Demetrius Edmond, Bobby Rider. Row 3: Jason Newman, Justin Slay, Jonathan Slay, Antwon Lindsey, Richard Skirball, Coach David Weller. 3. FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Billy Williams, Richard Winters, Ryan McAteer, Deandrae Williams, Jonathan Franko. ROW 2: Shawn O'Dell, De'andre Boyd, Branden Smith, Daniel Chung, Scott Prengel, Anthony Mosby, Mathew Williams. ROW 3: Richard Harper, Zachary Cochran, Andrew MacTaggart, James Tapp, Justin Smith, Joseph Sheppard, Daren DePew. 4. COACHES: Carl Layman, David Weller, Daren DePew, John VanBuskirk. 5. Zachary May 6. Timothy Wallace 7. Zachary May 8. Matthew Pistorius 9. Dustin Brewer.

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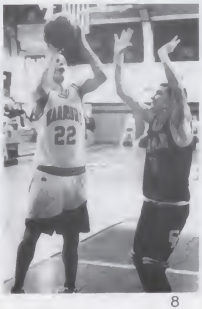

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CROSSING THE FINISH LINE

Life is a long, winding stretch of road. While some people walk along at a leisurely pace, they are quickly overtaken by those who live life in the fast lane. Cross Country runners are examples of those who are constantly on the go. Right after school, every day, they begin their practices, stretch, and start their running. They are usually finished by 5:00 p.m. and end each day by doing warm-down exercises. They put in many long hours and hard work.

The Cross Country season begins at the start of the school year and ends sometime in early October. In the end, all the dedication pays off when the GCHS team crosses the finish line first.

This year there are 19 runners on the team, three girls and 16 boys. Edward Connolly lead the team as their captain.

The head coach, Thomas Haefner, has been coaching for 16 years, but 14 were as assistant. He has been assisted by Coach Greve for two years. Mr. Haefner says, "The purpose of cross country is to reassure each runner of their worth as a person, student, and individual. Cross country helps the student become a 'whole person'."

Coach Haefner also stated that a cross country runner needs discipline, a physical regiment, a good example, individual goals, and team competition. Cross Country is a sport that requires skill, concentration, and a lot of encouragement. He finishes by saying, "We, as coaches, help provide these necessary factors to enable these young adults our society demands to develop."

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CROSS COUNTRY 1. ROW 1. Gretchen Weigand, Daniel Robinson, Emily Staicoff, Penelope Meyer, Kenneth Marcum, Lesa Byrd, ROW 2. Richard Winters, Kevin Atkins, John Moore, Keith Perigo, David Elliff. ROW 3. Scott Whitehead, Bryan Kilman, Edward Connolly, David Jackson, Richard Skirball, Aaron Howard. ROW 4. Coach Thomas Heafner, Coach Thomas Miller, Coach Paul Greve. 2. Edward Connolly gains on his opponents. 3. Scott Whitehead is in the lead. 4. Emily Staicoff enjoys her run.

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1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Kathryn Ronk, Della Moore, Jan Shanafelt, Erika Todd, Rececca Gehling. ROW 2: Kara Coleman, Jessica Wallace, Janelle Hankes, Anna Tapp, Debra Aaron, Kerry Lasiter, Coach John Moad. 2. Debra Aaron goes up for a rebound. 3. Anna Tapp focuses on the basket. 4. Erika Todd recovers the ball.

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HOOP IT UP

The 1997-1998 girls basketball team have practiced hard to meet their goals and be successful. Basketball is a sport that takes skill and coordination, along with many hours of practice. They are constantly striving for success.

The varsity team is very young this year. It consists of only three seniors; Kara Coleman, Anna Tapp, and Kerry Lasiter. The team was led by captains Kara Coleman and Jan Shanafelt. They participated in two tournaments this season, the Chadum-Glenwood Tournament over Thanksgiving and the Mascoutah Invitational.

John Moad, coach of the varsity team, is very pleased with the dedication of the team and said, "The girls are better than what their record shows and have played a lot of close games. They work very hard in practice and are constantly improving."

The junior varsity girls are coached by Paul Macios. They have won six games this season. The team is constantly improving and they are always full of spirit. The girls are playing very well and are gaining important court experience.

The freshmen team is headed by new coach Bruce Frank. The team finished their season with ten wins. The girls worked hard and with experience they will improve. They received fourth place in the Collinsville Freshmen Tournament and third place in the McCluer Freshmen Tournament. Team captains are Jessica Vasiloff and Keri Ousley. The scorekeepers and statitions are Margaret Ryan, Kristina Groboski, and Nicole Gaudreault.

All three levels played hard and gained experience this year. All of the players are looking forward to next year's season.

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1. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Kathryn Ronk, Della Moore, Tonya Biggs, Ashley Bogovich. ROW 2: Janelle Hankes, Megan Mehelic, Tabatha Duff, Sarah Luehmann, Christina Rother, Coach Paul Macios. 2. Jessica Wallace maneuvers around a defender. 3. FRESHMAN: ROW: 1. Keri Ousley, Christina Withers, Shannon Paoli, Jolene Harris, Leighann Worthen, Chelsey Peery, Ashley Burdge. ROW 2: Nicole Staicoff, Emily Kelahan, Ashley Murphy, Stacey Curless, Michelle Mull, Lauren Miller, Jessica Vasiloff, Coach Bruce Frank. 4. Della Moore brings the ball down the court. 5. Jan Shanafelt attempts a free throw.

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NECESSARY ROUGHNESS

From the first long, hot practice in August to the last game in October, the main goal of the football team is to have a successful season. This year, under the guidance of Coach Nick Petrillo, the team set out to do just that.

The team ended the season with a record of 2-7. They were victorious over the Collinsville Kahoks and defeated the East St. Louis Flyers by a forfeit. The team is not disappointed with their record. They feel they gained experience from every game they played.

The varsity team was coached by Nick Petrillo. He was assisted by Daren DePew, Tim Moran, and Ron Yates. Reflecting on the season, Coach Petrillo said, "They always gave their best and tried their very best in order to be good representatives of the people of Granite City."

The captains of this year's team had the leadership qualities necessary to hold the team together when times were tough. The captains were Rocky Smith, Jeffrey Hayden, Matthew Glover, and Juanell Goodwin.

This year's awards ceremony was held on November 6, 1997. Each season the coaches hand out many awards. The "Tarpoff Award" was given to Matthew Glover, Jeffrey Hayden received the "Lucas" award, and Michael Stone was presented with the "Rudy" award. The coaches also gave out awards to the most valuable players on the team. Rocky Smith was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player, and Juanell Goodwin was given the Most Valuable Defensive Player.

Players also received recognition from the conference. All-Conference Honorable Mention Awards went to Jeffrey Hayden, Matthew Glover, Anthony Randazzo, Terry Matthews, Joseph Laird, and Zachary May. All-Conference First Team Defensive Back Award went to Rocky Smith, and the Defensive Linebacker Award went to Juannell Goodwin.

The junior varsity team performed exceptionally well this year. They ended their season with a record of 7-2. They were coached by Al Lewis and Joe Wallace.

The freshman team had an excellent year. They ended their season with a record of 9-0. They were coached by Greg Garland and Carl Luehman. Speaking on the success of their year, Greg Garland said, "It was an outstanding season and I really enjoyed all the football players and hope they come out next year." The captains of the freshman team were David Crouch, Joshua Martin, and Marty Graham.

The younger players can look ahead and use this season as a learning experience. The senior members can look back on their playing days with fond memories.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL: 1. ROW 1: John Cottrell, Daniel Dothage, Justin Gardiner, Justin Williamson, Matthew Glover, Jason Dix, Rocky Smith, Jeffrey Hayden, Juanell Goodwin, Peter McKinnie, Patrick Logan. ROW 2: Casey Adams, Michael Simpson, Anthony Komoromi, Matt Levart, Joshua Davis, Terrance Matthews Jr., Dennis Davis, Justin Hopper, Erik Hamilton, Jeremy Hunter, Nicholas Patrick, Justin Hale. ROW 3: Craig Mooshegian, Anthony Randazzo, John Fronabarger, Steven Mennemeyer, John Ahlers, Joseph Laird, Michael Stone, Theodore Millas, Kevin Venne, Eynon Dunn, Sean Kuehnel, Timothy Wallace Jr., Jonathon Burnett. 2. Rocky Smith carries the ball into the end zone. 3. John Fronaberger gives defenders the cold shoulder. 4. Juanell Goodwin approaches the defensive line. 5. Players receive advice from Coach DePew.

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JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL: 1. ROW 1: Christopher Kayich, Ryan Stagner, Kevin Buckingham, Patrick Jarman, Chad McKinney, Michael Switala, Jason Rainwater. ROW 2: Arthur Johnson, Eric Wienhoff, Derrick Oliver, Zachary May, Jeffery Hoiliday, Carl Hozian, Andrew Elliff, Clifford Kinnunen. ROW 3: Dennis Schwierjohn, Randall Kunkel, Timmothy Dawes, Aaron Hoback, Jeremy Lane, Nathan White, Jeremy Morris, Jeremy Stone, Mark Buckingham. ROW 4: Nicholas Garcia, Matthew Ward, Jason Newman, Justin Slay, Jonathan Slay, Kevin Elliott, Erik Kambarian, Sean Cochran, Fred Beyrau. FRESHMAN FOOTBALL: 1. ROW 1: Justin Worthen, Thomas Pieper, John Sappington, Christopher Jones, Charles Knapp, William Carpenter, Michael Hagnauer, Billy Williams, Sean Dusky. ROW 2: Gary Reed, Bradley Smith, Anthony Johnson, Jonathon Franko, Kyle Robbins, Joshua Wright, Ryne Schutzenhofer, Andrew Schwierjohn, Kyle Cobb, Marty Graham, Daniel Watson. ROW 3: David Dresch, John Vasques Jr., Jon Harley, Deandrae Williams, Michael Whitford, Patrick Meredith, Glenn Black, Justin York, Scott Prengel, Joseph Wineburner, Rector Bolin, William Holland. ROW 4: Coach Greg Garland, Zachary Cochran, Jason Evenden, Jeffrey Hard, Freddie Layne, Joshua Martin, James Tapp, David Crouch II, Bobby Grammer, Joseph McClure, Andrew MacTaggart, Shawn O'Dell, Andrew Burton, Coach Carl Luehmann. 3. Freshmen players celebrate victory. 4. Coach Garland gives last minute instructions to his players. 5. Coach Luehnann inspires the freshmen team. 6. Team members cheer on their comrades. 7. The offensive line prepares for the next play against Cahokia. 8. Granite defenders drag down a Cahokia runner. 9. Players wait for the game to begin. 10. The trainer and players watch the game anxiously.

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FOOTBALL: 1. John Cottrell leads the warriors to the field. 2. Coach Ron Yates gives encouraging words to his players. 3. Teammates listen as Rocky Smith explains the next play. 4. Quarterback Rocky Smith celebrates Senior Night with his parents. 5. Coach Moran prepares players for a game. 6. Coach Nick Petrillo, Ron Dillard, Steve Balen, and Jerry McKechan pose for a picture at the Gauntlet. 7. Patrick Logan and his mother await the start of the game. 8. Juannell Goodwin's mother and father show their support at senior night. 9. Carl Mouton receives last minute advice from his mother. 10. Pete McKinney puts on his game face. 11. Coaches Ron Yates, Nick Petrillo, Tim Moran, and Daren Depew anticipate the upcoming season. 12. John Cottrell plans to make his family proud.

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GAME OF SKILL

Golf is a sport that requires much dedication. It takes many hours of practice to master. It also demands the full attention of the player, there is no room for distractions while playing.

This year's Warrior golf team proved they had the dedication needed in order to be successful. They ended their season with an impressive record of 12 wins and 6 losses.

The team also excelled during post-season play. Their best finish came in the Conference tournament, where they placed second out of seven teams. The team also placed third in Regional play and qualified for Sectionals.

Some of the team members were recognized for their outstanding play throughout the season. Jeffrey Jerden, Brett Briggs, and Ty Suhre were named both All-Area and All-Conference.

The team was coached by Mr. Boone Chaney. Mr. Chaney was pleased with the team's play. "I think if this young team continues to improve, we could be a major factor in golf in our area for the next couple of years."

With the level of play these young players demonstrated this year, Granite City has much to look forward to in the coming years. Good luck to next season's team.

GOLF: 1. ROW 1: Ty Suhre, Brett Briggs, Joshua Harrison, Daniel Harper. ROW 2: Matthew Foley, Matthew Roustio, Jeffrey Jerden, Steven Schroeder, Boone Chaney. 2. Jeffrey Jerden hits a golf shot. 3. ROW 1: Adam Zimmer, Matthew Mansfield, Patrick Copeland, Andrew Ravanelli, Christopher Warren, Robert Johnson. ROW 2: Allen Lobdell, Ryan McAteer, Jason Dickerson, David Cattani, Ronald Wilkerson, Nathan Severine, Robert Trower, Nicholas Gaines, Boone Chaney. 4. Brett Briggs sends the ball down the fairway. 5. Ty Suhre sinks a putt.

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TEAM OF REDEMPTION

Expectations were high once again for the Warrior Soccer Team. The boys began their season by the traditional midnight practice. Players anticipated the season ahead despite the time and dedication that would be required of them.

Head Coach Gene Baker showed the way to the players with assistance from coaches David Ames, Barry Grote, and Virgil Kirksey. Leading the team were captains Joshua Hickam and Jonas Janek. The senior leadership and underclassmen determination led to the Warrior's improvement throughout the season.

The team was faced with many hardships including injuries this year. With hardwork the boys pulled through, ending their season with fifteen wins, eight losses, and two ties. The Warriors were challenged by teams from across the country. The team played Campolindo from San Francisco, California. the Warriors defeated them 1-0. The soccer Warriors defeated St. Thomas Aquinas, the number one ranked team in Kansas. The Warriors defeated Belleville East, Belleville West, Collinsville, and Rosary. Later in the season the Warriors went strong and redeemed themselves by being victorious over teams that early in the season defeated them.

The Junior Varsity finished their season with seven wins, no losses, and six ties. The freshmen had a struggling season with seven wins, twelve losses, and two ties.

Many players earned awards at the conclusion of the season. Jonas Janek was awarded the Dave Morgan Award. Jonas displayed gentlemanly conduct off and on the playing field. His spirited play and leadership contributed to his accomplishments. Most Improved Player Award was presented to both Brad Hutchings and Adam Sanchez. Joshua Hickam earned a seat on the All-Conference first team. Jonas Janek and Micheal Smith earned second team honors. Honorable Mention went to Brad Hutchings and Adam Sanchez.

When asked about the season, Coach Baker commented, "'Winners must have two things-definite goals and burning desires to achieve them.' These young men are winners."

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VARSITY SOCCER: 1. ROW 1: Corey Winfield, Ian Kessel, Justin Roehr, Brandon Williams, Stephen Hendrickson, Jason Hileman. ROW 2: Andrew Ronk, Corey Wallace, Justin Stone, Dare Bauer, Lucas Geggus, Mason Czar, Michael Smith, Jeremy Hickam. ROW 3: Jonas Janek, Joshua Peacher, Mark Sanchez, Phillip Hickman, Dennis Holland, Steven Graham, Jeremy Smith, Ryan Cochran. 2. Ian Kessel gets tough with arch rival Collinsville Kahoks. 3. Dennis Holland contains the Collinsville ball handler.

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BOYS SOCCER: JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Ryan Davis, Jarod McMillian, James Moniz, Jamie Gavilsky, Ian Kessel, Zebulon Moore. ROW 2: Mickey Smith, Timothy Kosuge, Jeremiah Beckley, Matthew Jackson, Phillip Reader, David Margrabe, Jason Hileman. ROW 3: Neil Loftus, John Gensert, Nathaniel Slate, Christopher Mertz, Chad Bridgeman, Jacob Loyd, Dustin Rosenburg. FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Steven Peach, Andrew Blaylock. Brian Reese, Christopher Rydgig, Jacob Trtanj. ROW 2: Joshua Reyes, Joshua Smallie, Joshua Aguilar, Brian Carr, Christopher Gaddie, Patrick McKechan. ROW 3: Larry Soectig, Jacob Sedabres, Mathew Williams, Aaron Moxey, Salvador Ochoa. 3. Goalie Brandon Williams makes a diving save. 4. Andrew Ronk challenges an opponent.

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BOYS SOCCER: 1. Andrew Ronk carries the ball up field. 2. Coaches Barry Grote, David Ames, Gene Baker, and Virgil Kirksey. 3. Andrew Ronk displays some fancy footwork. 4. Phillip Hickam is double teamed by defenders. 5. Dane Bauer prepares to score. 6. Phillip Hickam recovers the ball.

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SWINGING INTO ACTION

Tennis is a sport that takes many years to master. Acquiring winning techniques, skills and perfect form takes much practice, hard work, and dedication. This year's girls tennis team did extremely well, finishing their season with seven wins and eight losses. The ladies placed fourth in the conference and took fifth place in the conference tournament.

The team consisted of 17 players, 12 varsity players and 6 junior varsity players. The varsity team was led by three seniors, Adina Lewis, Melissa Nelson, and Melissa Smith. Linda Ames coached the Lady Warriors for the fourth year in a row. The team also had a new volunteer coach, Raffi Karibian.

Melissa Smith played exceptionally well her senior year, finishing number one in singles. She also went to second round sectionals playing doubles with Robyn Slater. Melissa expressed her thoughts and feelings about the team by saying, "Overall I think the team had a good season. This year Raffi was our new volunteer coach, and he really helped the team by making us work extra hard. I had a lot of fun this year and I wish next year's tennis team good luck."

The other two seniors also did extremely well this season. Melissa Nelson placed number one in doubles. Adina Lewis took second in singles. All of the seniors provided the younger players with advice that was very valuable.

Each year the coaches hand out awards to exceptional players. The Most Valuable Senior Awards were given to Melissa Smith and Melissa Nelson, and Beth Seibold was the Most Improved Player.

The tennis team should be commended for their excellent level of play this season. For all underclassman players, good luck for next season. For the senior players, congratulations.

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GIRLS TENNIS: 1. ROW 1: Ashley Burdge, Adina Lewis, Jan Shanafelt, Amanda Corder, Beth Seibold. ROW 2: Jolene Harris, Kathryn Isom, Melissa Montgomery, Julia LeMaster, Amanda Pashea, Melissa Nelson, Erika Todd. ROW 3: Coach Linda Ames, Krista Morton, Jessica Stratman, Brooke Bolandis, Kimberly Hendrickson, Sarah Gieson, Melissa Smith, Robyn Slater. 2. Melissa Smith returns a serve. 3. Krista Morton hits the ball over the net. 4. Jan Shanafelt serves. 5. Melissa Smith returns the ball. 6. Melissa Nelson prepares to score a point.

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FOCUSING ON THE GAME

The Warrior volleyball team had a very successful season and played well throughout the year. This year's team was very young, consisting of only three seniors. The seniors were co-captains Laurie Bohnensteihl, Jenna Wright, and Kerry Lasiter. Unfortunately, before the first game the team lost senior Kerry Lasiter to a broken ankle. The team also acquired a new coach, Beth Seel.

The Lady Warriors Spikers began practicing just two weeks before their first game. On September 3, the season officially began against Civic Memorial. The Warriors played very well, but lost.

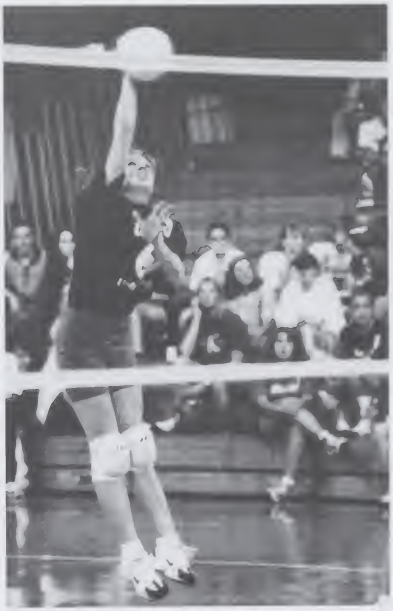
The Varsity team played in four tournaments throughout the season. They were the Granite City Fall Classic, Collinsville Invitational, Freeburg Invitational, and the Southwest Conference tournament. Laurie Bohnensteihl received Second Team All-Conference and Jenna Wright received Honorable Mention at the Conference tournament.

On October 28, at West Middle School, in Alton post season began for the Spikers. The Warriors beat Alton to enter the Regional finals. Then on October 30, the ladies beat Civic Memorial to become the Regional Champions. The Lady Warriors then went on to Sectionals, which were held at Collinsville High School. The Spikers suffered a tough loss to highland in the first round of play. The Lady Warriors finished the season with 12 wins and 20 losses.

The Junior Varsity team was coached by Ruth Layton. The ladies played in the Belleville West Tournament and the Collinsville Invitational this year. The team had great spirit and played well. Their record was 2 wins and 20 losses for the season.

The freshmen team also had a new coach this year; Coach Stephanie Kult. The freshmen had a very big team consisting of eighteen players. She taught the girls the fundamentals they will need in the future. They played in three tournaments this year; Hazelwood East Invitational, Collinsville Tournament, and the Granite City Tournament. The team finished the season with 2 wins and 17 losses.

All three teams put forth exceptional efforts this season. Congratulations to the varsity, who were regional champions.



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VOLLEYBALL: VARSITY: 1. ROW 1: Kimberly Cuvar, Leah Gamblin, Emilee Karlechik, Carly Lasiter, Kristen Ely. ROW 2: Coach Ruth Layton, Aimee Nyers, Jessica Huniak, Breann Chastain, Coach Beth Seel. ROW 3: Jamie Raub, Jenna Wright, Kerry Lasiter, Jessica Wallace, Jessica Worthen. ROW 4: Laurie Bohnenstiehl. 2. Breann Chastian goes up for a kill. 3. Leah Gamblin makes a pass. 4. Kristen Ely and Breann Chastian wait for the ball to be served.

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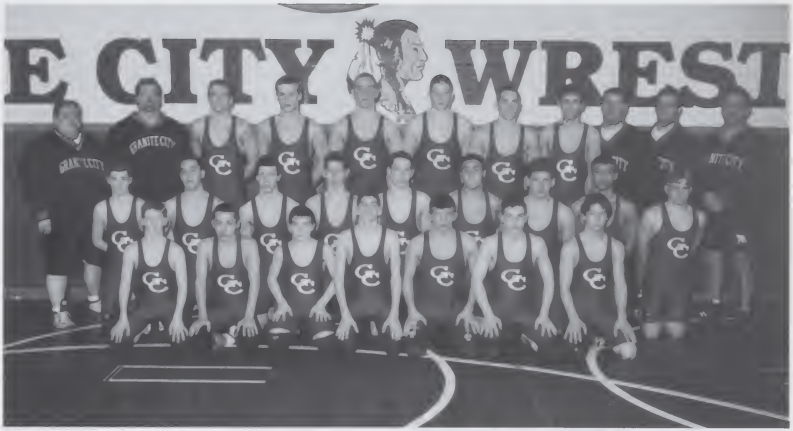
VOLLEYBALL: JUNIOR VARSITY: 1: ROW 1: Tiffany Harris, Jeanna Janek, Jamie Raub, Emilee Karlechik. ROW 2: Megan Francis, Della Moore, Carly Lasiter, Kimberly Cuvar, Jamie Cassiday. ROW 3:Coach Beth Seel, Jessica Worthen, Shelly Pulaski, Christina Rother, Aimee Nyers,Coach Ruth Layton. FRESHMEN: 2: ROW 1: Margaret Ryan, Lindsay Hendrix, Martha Charistiansen, Shannon Paoli, Mindy Bryant. ROW 2: Rachel Bowen, Jamie Cassiday, Tiffany Mainer, Lauren Pusczek, Jennifer Streicher, Christina Withers, Sarah Jackstadt. ROW 3: Bernice Fields, Carly Lasiter, Ashley Bogovich, Tina Evans, Stacey Curless, Elizabeth Przygoda, Jessica Vasiloff, Coach Stephanie Kult. 3: Carly Lasiter goes up for a spike. 4: Leah Gamblin and Laurie Bohnenstiehl get low for serve receive. 5: Jessica Worthen gets ready to hit the ball.



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1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Steven Peach, Chad Wilson, Jacob Trtanj, Michael Hagnauer, Daniel Robinson, Paul Johnson, Benjamin Lofink. ROW 2: Richard Carney, Joshua Wright, John Kelly, Dennis Davis, Ryan Worthen, George Kirgan, Justin York, Brooks Narvaez, Kevin Buckingham. ROW 3: Coach Allen Kirgan, Coach Tate Metten, Matt Levart, Bobby Grammer, Kevin Venne, Craig Mooshegian, Jonas Janek, Matthew Werner, Coach Matt Whittaker, Coach Tom Blaha, Coach Mike Garland. 2. Paul Johnson attempts to pin his opponent. 3. Ryan Worthen puts a move on a Belleville West wrestler. 4. Kevin Venne gets the advantage on his competitor.

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A GRAND DAY IN WRESTLING

The Granite City High School wrestlers have once again proved themselves as outstanding competitors. This season, their record stood at 24 wins and 1 defeat. This was their fourth consecutive undefeated regular season finish, with 110 dual meet victories. The junior varsity grapplers finished with an impressive record of five wins and two losses.

The team competes in several tournaments throughout the season. At the Springfield Tournament, the Warriors placed third. They also received the third place trophy at the Geneseo Tournament. At the Granite City Holiday Tournament, the hometown crowd watched their team finish in second place. The Granite City wrestlers dominated at the Morton tournament, and took first place.

The captains this year were Jonas Janek, Matthew Werner, and John Kelly. Janek, a senior, wrestled at 160-pounds and ended his high school career with 114 wins 46 pins, and 596 team points. Matthew Werner, also a senior, wrestled at 135-pounds, and finished his career with 73 wins, 24 pins and 345 team points. The other captain, senior John Kelly, wrestled at 130-pounds, and earned 102 wins, 41 pins and 519 team points during his high school career.

Sophomore George Kirgan led the team with 261.5 points, 26 falls, and an outstanding record of 45 - 4. Kirgan also received the Laurence McCauley Award for being the top sophomore wrestler and the William "Red" Schmitt Award for the most pins. Jonas Janek won the George Nemeth Award for the most dedicated player. It's this kind of determination that gives this team the outstanding reputation they deserve.

It was the team's outstanding record that earned them a spot in American history. By winning the regional meet, the Granite City High School wrestling program became the first team in the nation to win 1,000 dual meets.

Also, this year the team achieved their 7th conference championship, 7th regional championship, and 5th sectional championship in a row. At the sectional meet, six Warriors qualified for the state tournament. Those six athletes were John Kelly, Matthew Werner, Jonas Janek, Brooks Narvez, George Kirgan, and Kevin Venne. Brooks Narvez, a 145-pound junior received 6th place at the ISHA state tournament. The team placed 5th in the dual team state tournament. This was the 13th time the Granite City wrestling team has placed among the top ten of the state.

Guiding the team in their triumphant season was Coach Michael Garland. He has led the team to 249 wins and has been the head coach for eleven years. The other coaches who contributed to the success of the wrestling program were Walt Whitaker who accumulated 38 wins, and William "Red" Schmitt whose record included 589 wins. There were also four previous coaches who totaled 164 wins. This season, Coach Garland was assisted by Tom Blaha and Mark Whitaker. Preparing the junior varsity team to carry on the Granite City wrestling tradition are coaches Kevin Wilson and Allen Kirgan. Their outstanding coaching abilities combined with the skill of the team resulted in a memorable season, and a memorable team.

Congratulations to this year's Granite City wrestling team on their outstanding season, and 1,000 victories. The team successfully carried on the Granite City wrestling tradition with pride and honor, the two qualities which makes a person a true Warrior. Coach Michael Garland proved once again he and his team are true champions.

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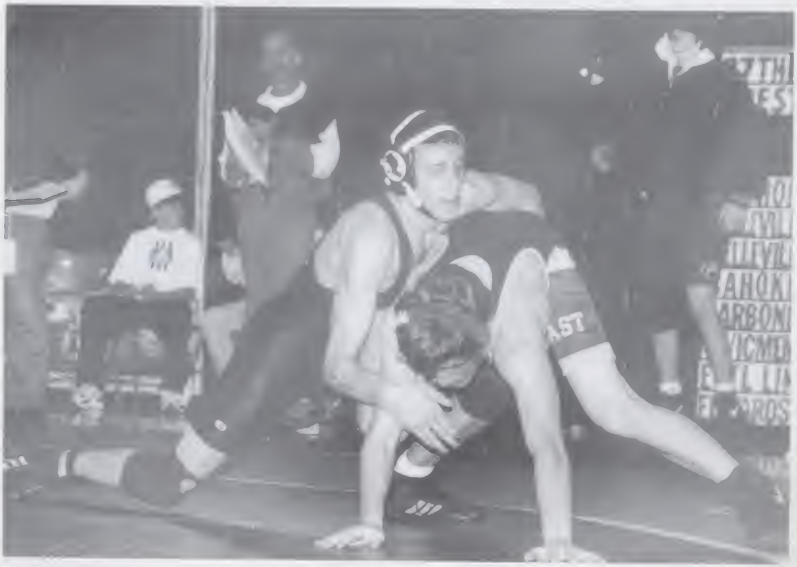

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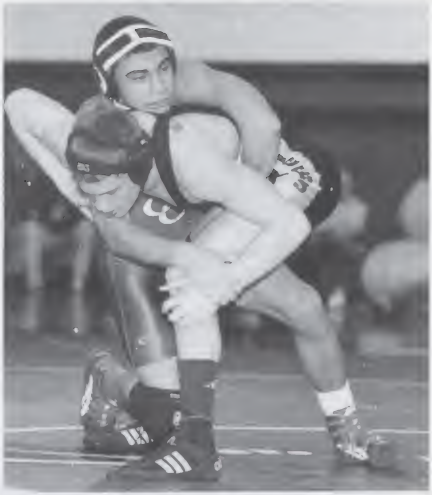

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1. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Gary Campbell, Sean Dusky, Adam Johnisee, Jon Harley, Richard Carney, Steven Peach, Kevin Buckingham, Daniel Robinson, Michael Hagnauer, Dennis Davis, Joshua Wright, Coach Allen Kirgan. 2. and 3. Matthew Werner uses his wrestling skills against his opponent. 4. Brooks Narvaez wrestles Chris Halbrook during the Granite City Holiday Tournament. 5. John Kelly wrestles Ike Newmen during an intersquad match.

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Christopher Ousley, Scott Jackson, Christopher Carpenter, Michael Hellrich, Timothy Goskie & John Mills.

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Amanda Nizinski

JoAnn Yurko and Shawn Gordon

Students enjoy their 1997 prom

Gregory Winfield

Bill Puhse, Dennis Church, Cathy Reibold, Cheryl Petrillo, & Carla Finkes

Samuel Kamphoefner & Laura Stille

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ALL-AMERICAN SPORT

Warrior baseball was officially in full swing in March, even though many players has started practicing and exercising in the pre-season. After try-outs, the serious work began. The team had to practice all the basic skills, and most importantly learn to work as a team.

This year's Warrior team consisted of several returning senior players. They were Michael Ahlvers, Eric Edwards, Christopher Fiala, Mikal Guffey, David Parker, Ryan Relleke, and Greg Winfield. These seniors helped to lead all the younger players and help with any questions they may have on avoiding mistakes. The team was led by the captains Kyle Briggs, Ryan Relleke, and Michael Ahlvers.

This years coaches were very dedicated and determined to have a successful season. The varsity coach was Gus Lignoul. He was assisted by Daren DePew. The sophomore team was coached by John Moad. The freshmen were coached by Don Harris. There were also three volunteer coaches. They were Mike Bryant, Ed Whittleman, and Tim Wilson.

One of the major events in the Warriors season is the game played at Busch Stadium. This experience at Busch Stadium is an honor for both the players and the coaches. This years game was played after the Cardinals game against the Mount Vernon Rams on May 11, and the Warriors played a hard fought game with 5-4 victory over the Rams.

In this years post season the Warriors first game was against Bethalto. Though they played a hard fought game, but Bethalto just had more key notes hits, beating the Warriors by a final score of 6-2. The 1997 Warrior Varsity Baseball team played their hardest throughout the season and never gave up, and it showed with an overall record of 16-17.

The Sophomore team also was successful. Their record for the year was 17-9. The team was led by captains Anthony Komoromi and Dustin Murphy. Of the sophomore team, Coach John Moad said, "The sophomores enjoyed a very successful season. All of the boys worked hard. We had a very potent offensive attack with an average of eight runs per game."

The Freshmen team showed incredible promise. They ended their season with a record of 15-14. The coaches were very impressed with they way they played. Coach Don Harris said, "It was a team that played together as a team. All players contributed, it was a team effort. They worked hard in practices and played well in the games."

The school was extremely proud of the effort put forth by the teams and coaches. Congratulations, teams, on a wonderful season.

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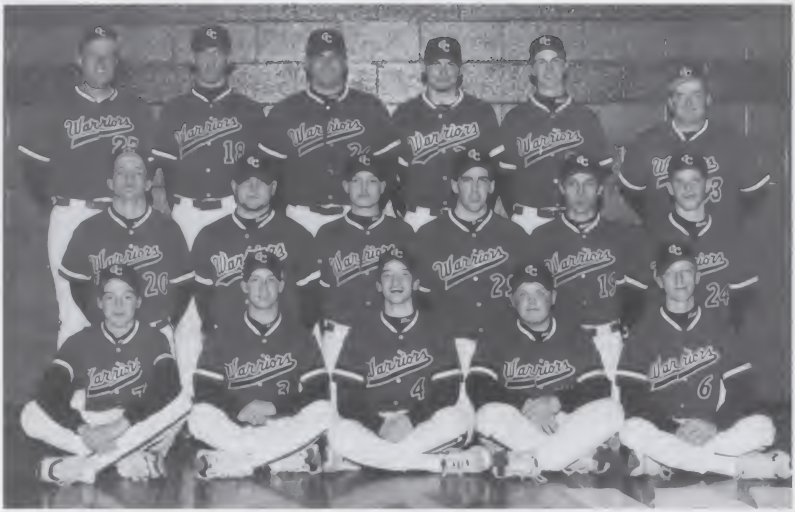
BASEBALL: 1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Scott Smallie, Mikal Guffey, John Kelly, Timothy Smallie, Vincent Whittenburg, David Whittington, Elliot Dine. ROW 2: Kirk Brumley, Eric Edwards, Ryan Relleke, Gregory Winfield, Timothy Wallace, Christopher Fiala, Michael Ahlvers. ROW 3: Coach Gus Lignoul, David Parker, Jason Dix, Dustin Brewer, Brian Kamadulaski, Paul Kacera, Jeffrey Hayden, Coach Daren DePew. 2. Dustin Brewer prepares to throw the baseball. 3. Ryan Relleke makes a game-saving catch. 4. Brian Kamadulski attempts to steal second base.



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BASEBALL: 1: SOPHOMORE: ROW 1: Joshua Davis, Sean Courtney, Jason Acord, Matthew Mercer, Dean Schannot. ROW 2: Matt Levart, Anthony Komoromi, Casey Adams, Craig Harris, Sean Kuehnel, Theodore Millas. ROW 3: Coach John Moad, Charles Papp, Anthony Randazzo. Dustin Murphy, Alfred Pace, Coach Mike Bryant. 2. FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Nathan Severine, Jeffrey Schlecht, Ian Kessel, Christopher Kayich, George Meade, Timothy Dawes. ROW 2: Aaron Hoback, Scott Scharden, Denis Schwierjohn, Randall Kunkel, Justin Jones, Larry Monroe, Andrew Messina, Aaron Zamkus. ROW 3: Coach Ed Whittleman, Coach Don Harris, Jason Newman, Kevin Elliott, William Cappel, Matt Pistorius, Nathan White, Devin Mayes, Coach Tim Wilson. 3. Vincent Whittenburg races to the base. 4. Gregory Winfield slides to make an out at third base. 5. Kirk Brumley waits for the ball. 6. COACHES: ROW 1: Coach Mike Bryant, Coach Don Harris, Coach Ed Whittleman. ROW 2: Coach Gus Lignoul, Coach Daren DePew, Coach Tim Wilson, Coach John Moad.

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SOFTBALL: 1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Kimberly Faulkner, Jessica Worthen, Tonna Druhe, Laurie Bohnensteihl, Amanda Pashea, Kara Coleman. ROW 2: Robyn Slater, Kimberly Greer, Melissa Smith, Christina Greathouse, Amy Monroe, Jan Shanafelt, Valerie Henson. ROW 3: Assistant Coach Rick Ahlvers, Kerry Lasiter, Jessica Reader, Jessica Stratman, Jenna Wright, Amelia Tapp, Head Coach Deb Germann, Assistant Coach Bryan Harshany. 2. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Amanda Pashea, Catherine Utz, Kimberly Greer, Kimberly Faulkner, Tiffany Harris, Brooke Streicher, Brittany Ashford. ROW 2: Coach Rick Ahlvers, Della Moore, Jessica Worthen, Brooke Bolandis, Jessica Huniak, Natasha Douglas, Amanda Barunica, Coach Deb Germann, Coach Brian Harshany. 3. Catcher Jessica Reader follows the play. 4. Jan Shanafelt rounds the base.

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SLUGGERS

The softball team requires individual dedication and the ability to work as a team. The Lady Warriors worked hard under second-year head coach Deb Germann. Assisting Coach Germann this year were two new coaches, Brian Harshany and Rick Alhvers.

The varsity team worked very hard this year to improve their record from past years. The softball team started off their season with a win against Roxana. The lady warriors had a mid season record of 7 wins and 7 loses. The team, as well as coaches, was pleased with their record, but hoped to improve throughout the year.

As the season went on the ladies kept practicing and playing hard. They participated in the Cahokia Tournament and the Granite City Tournament. In the Cahokia Tournament the Warriors were eliminated after three hard-played games. The Lady Warriors won the Granite City Tournament by defeating Roxana and Hardin-Calhoun. The Lady Warriors ended their season with a record of 12 wins and 17 losses after being defeated in Regional play by Bethalto.

The junior varsity team improved as the season continued. Under first year coach Rick Alhvers the girls strived at ever practice to better their skills. A few highlights from the Lady Warriors were wins over Collinsville and Cahokia.

Coach Germann was very impressed by the team's hard work throughout the season. After the season came to an end Coach Germann made this comment, "Our improved record shows the hard work and dedication from the team. Not only has our record improved, but both our fielding and batting averages have gone up. I think this will continue as we better understand and learn more about the game."

The Softball program at GCHS is improving more and more every year. As new players come in the strength of the team grows. The Lady Warriors are on the move.

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STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

The 1997 Varsity Girls' Soccer team had only one thing on their minds at the beginning of the season, state. With many of the players graduating, they wanted to have a state title to end their season.

The girls began the season with a very strong start. During their regular season they had a very impressive record of 22-2-1. Their only two losses of the season were to Incarnate Word. They only lost by one goal in both games.

The Warriors were very consistent with their scoring. Michelle Montgomery led the scoring with 17 goals and 13 assists. Ismahan Mohsen and Jaime Dellbringge followed with 10 goals each. Sophomore Felicia Mohsen and freshman Erika Todd both stepped up and scored 8 goals each.

The ladies not only did well in the league, but also in their tournaments. They finished first in the Granite City Sectional and in the Collinsville Super-Sectional. This impressive record led the girls to finish second in the St. Louis Post Dispatch Metro ranking. They were the first Illinois team to achieve the prestigious accomplishment. In addition, all of the senior players went on to play college soccer, and all of them earned scholarships.

About his team, Coach Gene Baker said, "This was the best season ever enjoyed by a girls' soccer team outside of the Chicago area. These athletes played a style of soccer of which to be proud. They have built the groundwork for the future of girls' soccer at Granite City High School."

Some of the team members also made some comments about their team and their season. Sophomore Crystal Cavins said, "We had a successful season and I am proud to have been able to play on the team." Ismahan Mohsen, a junior, commented by saying, "I love Granite City Soccer and I hope we have more good seasons like this one." Another sophomore, Elizabeth Dittman, said, "We're really lucky to have Coach Baker, without him Granite City soccer wouldn't be the same."

This season's team was so successful, it will be extremely difficult for upcoming teams to surpass their accomplishments. The senior players contributed greatly and will be missed by all.

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GIRLS SOCCER: 1. VARSITY: ROW 1: Ismahan Mohsen, Shannon Roth, Amanda Nizinski. ROW 2: Roxanne Simpson, Erika Todd, Jamie Raub, Jamie Hendrickson, Amber Hubert, Michelle Montgomery, Brandi Ficker, Crystal Cavins. ROW 3: Coach Virgil Kirsey, Jennifer Willman, Melissa Montgomery, Crystal Timmons, Connie Meyers, Jaime Dellbringge, Carrie Simpson, Felicia Mohsen, Coach Gene Baker. 2. Connie Meyers and Crystal Timmons fight off the Incarnate attack. 3. Ismahan Mohsen gets ready to make a shot on goal. 4. Jaime Dellbringge prepares to pass the ball to a teammate.

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GIRLS SOCCER: 1. JUNIOR VARSITY: ROW 1: Julia Murphy. ROW 2: Jamie Raub, Leah Gamblin, Holly Derossett, Kristin Stovall, Rebekah Boone, Brandi Tate, Natalie Judge, Rachel Means. ROW 3: Coach Virgil Kirksey, Kathryn Ronk,. Julie Lemaster, Christina Ballard, Jessica Wallace, Debra Aaron, Amanda Townzen, Elizabeth Dittman. 2. FRESHMEN: ROW 1: Krista Morton, Jessica Wallace. ROW 2: Stephanie Brake, Marla Vansickle, Emily Worthen, Courtney Bosworth, Natalie Judge, Rachel Means. ROW 3: Holly Derossett,Megan Francis, Julia Lemaster, Christina Ballard, Kathryn Ronk, Jeanna Janek, Brandy Martin. 3. Carrie Simpson dribbles the ball downfield. 4. Roxanne Simpson outmaneuvers her opponent. 5. Amanda Nizinski kicks the ball away from another player.

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TENNIS: 1: ROW 1: Timothy Knowlton, Stephen Hendrickson, Dustin Rosenburg, Philip Huniak, Andrew Ronk, Scott Jackson, Joseph Herman, Jarod McMillian, Zebulon Moore, Scott Niggli. ROW 2: Coach Jeff Lind, Christopher Carpenter, Christopher Ousley, Nicholas Wilson, Michael Hellrich, John Mills, Timothy Goskie, Mark Achenbach, Matthew Foley, Steven Graham, Coach Allen Lobdell. 2. COACHES: Jeff Lind and Allen Lobdell. 3. Steven Graham returns the ball accurately. 4. Timothy Goskie prepares to return a serve. 5. Christopher Carpenter volleys the ball for a winner.

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RACKETEERS

Tennis is a sport which allows an athlete to participate as a part of a team as well as shine as an individual. Players can compete as a part of a doubles team or on a singles basis. Tennis is a sport that requires a tremendous amount of skill, duration, reflex action and technique. In order to execute the appropriate move you have to think and react quickly.

In order to excel at tennis one must practice very diligently which is exactly what the boys did this year. Every night that was a possible candidate for practice time was used wisely. These practices usually consisted of some type of running, skill-enhancements, and something particular of tennis called challenges. A challenge in tennis is when a non-varsity player challenges a varsity player to a match. The winner of this match moves up in rank, usually taking over his opponent's rank (if they are higher in rank). These challenges prove very beneficial to the players.

This season's record for the boy's tennis team was ten wins and seven losses. Some of the leading opponents were both Belleville East and West, Edwardsville, and Alton which created somewhat of a problem for the boys.

This year's team was made almost entirely of returning players. The two exceptions were incoming freshmen Jarod McMillian and Scott Niggli. A few returning sophomores which displayed signs of much improvement were Timothy Knowlton, Dustin Rosenburg and Stephen Hendrickson. Stephen Hendrickson was commended as becoming a very strong asset to the team as he progresses through high school. A returning upper classman, junior Steven Graham, was praised as being a very likely candidate for the number one position in the ranking system for the 1998 season. Coach Allen Lobdell stated that, "It's nice to see the same faces but I was hoping to receive more new comers, some fresh players that I could see grow into terrific competitors as I've seen several times before."

This year's team had the privilege of having six returning seniors. They were Timothy Goskie, Christopher Carpenter, Scott Jackson, John Mills, Christopher Ousley, and Michael Hellrich. These boys provided a lot of talent and experience which was beneficial to the team. These young men used their experience to their own advantage and also to that of the younger, less knowledgeable players. They also used their seniority to enforce dominance where it was necessary. "Leadership" is a simple word to describe just exactly what this season's senior squad possessed.

The quality and talent of this year's team provides for a very bright future for the high school boys tennis team. Congratulations to this year's boys tennis team and to the returning players for next season, good luck.

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GOING FOR SPEED

Track and Field has been a sport at GCHS for many years. It is a sport that requires hard work and dedication.

The 1997 Track and Field Team was coached by Gene Briggs. This is his third year at GCHS. Prior to GCHS he coached at Madison High School for seventeen years. This year he was assisted by four specialty coaches. Cindy Christopher coached sprints, while Tom Miller handled the distance runners. Shot put and discus participants were coached by Larry Curry, Paul Macious helped coach the jump events. Richard Skirball was a volunteer coach who enjoyed helping the team.

There are various events that an athlete can participate in track and field. An athlete can usually only compete in four events at a meet. Track events include many sprints, distance runs, and hurdles. The field events include the high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put, and discus.

The team participated in many completions in 1997. They competed against twenty-five teams at the Carbondale Invitational held at SIUC. Other meets that the teams participated in are the Madison County, Tiger Relays, Southwest Conference and Sectionals. The boys compete in the Centralia and Marion meets. The girls participate in the Jackie-Joyner Kerse meet at the East St. Louis High School Track that was dedicated to her. Jackie-Joyner Kerse spoke to the girls the day before the meet. Her speech was an inspirational talk for anyone who wanted to listen. She told the listeners to set high goals, and to work to achieve them. Many girls from GCHS attended the lecture.

As the end of the season approached, many athletes participated in regionals and went on to state. Senior Stephanie Brandt was one of these athletes. She has competed at state for four consecutive years in discus, and all was selected All-State for each of these years. At this year's state competition she placed sixth.

"The 1997 edition of the girls and boys track teams made great strides in establishing Granite City as one of the better teams in both the Southwestern Conference and Southern Illinois." commented Coach Briggs.

The team accomplished a great deal during the season. They were very dedicated and worked extremely hard. Congratulations, team on a wonderful season.

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TRACK: 1. ROW 1: Tiffany Lapeire, Christa Hopkins, Amanda Ragan, Jessica Fondren, Jennifer O'Bear, Lanese Griffith, Monique Wright, Sarah Jarrett, Katrina Loyd. ROW 2: Marcie Meyer, Barbara Dorris, Cassie Nighohossian, Heather Mell, Coleen Woods, Aimee Nyers, Latosha Loyd, Rebecca Bargiel, Christina Clutts, Chrissy Clifton, Stephani Jovi, Monica Widel, Amy Cox, Christina Felton. ROW 3: Coach Gene Briggs, Coach Paul Macious, Coach Richard Skirball, Coach Tom Miller, Angela Kromraj, Katie Smothers, Stephanie Brandt, Alisa Monroe, Debralle Foreshee, Michelle Copeland, Deanna Smith, Amanda Guerther, Lesa Byrd, Kristina Pearson, Coach Cindy Christopher, Coach Larry Curry. 2. Crystal Robinson hands the baton to Heather Mell. 3. Crystal Robinson tries to catch up to a Collinsville runner. 4. Michelle Copeland and Katrina Loyd wait for the starting gun. 5. Angela Kromraj leaps over a hurdle.

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TRACK: 1. ROW 1: Gretchen Wiegand, Matthew Glover, Ryan Davis, Justin Gardiner, Carl Hozian, David Jackson, Earl Clark, Steven Mennemeyer, David Darling, Richard Skirball, Justina York. ROW 2: Bobby Rider, Brian Lane, Aaron Howard, James Moniz, Kristopher Riskovsky, Gavin Gann, Keith Perigo, Robert Harris, Bradley Hutchings, Curtis Howard, Michael Simpson, Dennis Davis, Steven Schroeder, Joshua Mefford, Christopher Mertz, Coach Cindy Christopher. ROW 3: Jay Laird, Dustin Johnson, David Elliff, Jason Grasle, Nathan Bain, Kevin Atkins, Joshua Peacher, David Zellerman, Jeremy Smith, Robert Lampitt, Dane Bauer, George Wolfe, Patrick Logan, Erik Kambarian, Bryan Kilman, Craig Mooshegian, Coach Larry Curry. ROW 4: Coach Gene Briggs, Coach Richard Skirball, Coach Tom Miller, Peter Mckinnie, Junanell Goodwin, Glenn Taylor, Jeremy Hunter, James Smith, Christopher Tindall, Anthony Evans, Rocky Smith, Kelly Huckelberry, Nicholas Garcia, Edward Connolly, Alex Bautsch, Joseph Laird, Coach Paul Macious. 2. COACHES: ROW 1: Paul Macious, Cindy Christopher. ROW 2: Tom Miller, Gene Briggs, Larry Curry. 3. Steven Mennemeyer goes the distance in the long jump competition. 4. Edward Connolly passes the baton to Jason Koenig in the relay race. 5. Anthony Evans clears the bar in the high jump. 6. Michael Simpson sprints to the finish line.

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FOR YOU I WILL

One of the events high school students most look forward to, is their prom. This year, prom was held on April 19th. It took many months of preparing to make this very popular event successful. The Prom was at Pipefitters Hall in St. Louis.

Tickets were purchased the first week of March. The price of tickets was $50 for couples that both attend GCHS. For couples that only have one GCHS attendee, the price was $55 . Prom favors were $5 for picture frames and $8 for the mugs and wine glasses. Prom colors were black and gold. Jerry's Cafeteria catered the special evening. The Student Council Decorating Committee and Champions decorated the hall.

During the week before Prom, students were making their final preparations for Saturday. On Friday all students attending the prom met in the auditorium for a mandatory meeting. At the meeting, behavior of students was discussed and consequences given. Students were exposed to the consequences resulting from abusing illegal substances such as alcohol. Then, slides were shown from fatal collisions of drunk driving.

On the afternoon of prom many students going to prom went to Wilson Park for pictures. The students welcomed the clear skies and warm air. Pictures were taken of couples and friends by National Honor Society and Gieson Photography.

Formal evening wear was a necessity. Guys wore tuxedos and girls dressed in extravagant dresses. Many different styles of dresses could be seen.

When prom attendees arrived at Pipefitter's Hall they were shown to their seats by Student Council members. Pictures were taken by Hollywood-Andrews Studio at the Hall. At 6:30 dinner was served. While eating, soft elegant music was played. However, after dinner the dancing began. The theme song of prom was "For You I Will" from the Space Jam soundtrack.

The dance came to an end at 11 o'clock. The students then decided where to go. Some went to social gatherings with their friends, and others went home to relax after their busy day. No matter how the evening came to an end, each student will hopefully remember their senior prom as a joyful event.

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PROM: 1. Rusty Ford displays his dazzling smile. 2. Kathlynn Schermer and Walter Greathouse stop in the gazebo for some pre-prom photographs. 3. Friends Jessica Harris and Amy Thomas in the park before prom. 4. Joseph Herman and Sangeeta Kumar pose for pictures before leaving for the dance. 5. Kara Ballew, Amanda Crabtree, Cynthia Gorka, Rachel Kulasza, Amanda Solomon, Sangeeta Kumar, Tonna Druhe, Amelia Tapp. 6. Gregory Meyer, Jennifer Willman, Carrie Richardson, Kevin Harris, Kathlynn Schermer, Walter Greathouse, Sarah Garcia, Mark Dittman, Julie Hildebrand, Philip Meyer. 7. Laura Nicol looks forward to an exciting evening at the prom.

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GOOD-BYE

Friday, June 6, 1997, the senior class gathered for one last time. The diplomas they received signified the completion of their high school days. Family and friends of the graduates filled the stands of the Memorial Football Stadium.

Once the graduates took their seats, Kelly Pieper sang the National Anthem. Mr. Rotter then welcomed the audience and introduced the Co-Valedictorians Sangeeta Kumar and Amanda Solomon. The Co-Valedictorians had grade point averages of 5.695. The next student in line after Amanda and Sangeeta was Melanie Gensert. Amanda's speech was entitled "Our Eternal Flame" and Sangetta's was entitled "The Square." After Sangeeta and Amanda addressed the crowd, Karla Pieper sang "God Bless America."

Next, Mr. Rotter presented the Class of 1997 to Superintendent Steven Balen who in turn presented the class to School Board President Jeff Parker. Finally, the Board of Education presented each graduate with their diploma. The ceremony was concluded by the seniors tossing their caps into the air.

After the ceremony, the field was swarmed by parents, relatives, and friends wanting to congratulate and photograph the graduates. It was a very special evening for all who attended.

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GRADUATION: 1. Rachel Kulasza, Sarah Signall, Kara Ballew, Cynthia Gorka. 2. Top-ranking seniors Sangeeta Kumar, Amanda Solomon, and Melanie Gensert. 3. Donald Baker, with aide Victoria Drennan, receives congratulations from Mr. Kennerly. 4. Angela Nance and Assistant Principal Mrs. Wilkerson. 5. Rusty Ford and Randy Gardner wait in line for the final roll call. 6. Jessica Harris smiles for the camera after receiving her diploma. 7. Mr. Mason and the band prepare to play the National Anthem.

THE SQUARE

Good evening parents, families, faculty, and especially the graduating class of 1997. Let me be the first to congratulate you on accomplishing an important goal.

Granite City Senior High School has been more than a place to learn facts, theorems, and read novels. We have developed friendships and learned a little more about the world but especially about ourselves.

I would like to read to you an essay entitled *The Square* by Charles Brosmer.

Square, another of the good old words has gone the way of Love and Modesty and Patriotism ... something to be snickered at ... or outright laughed at. Why it used to be that there was no higher compliment that you could pay a man then call him a square shooter. The ad-man's promise of a Square Deal, was as binding as an oath on a Bible, but today, a Square is a guy who volunteers when he doesn't have to.

He's a guy who gets his kicks from trying to do his job better than anyone else. He's a boob who gets so lost in his work ... he has to stop to be reminded to go home. A Square is a guy who doesn't want to stop at the bar and get all juiced up, because he prefers to go to his own home ... his own dinner table ... his own bed.

He hasn't learned to cut corners or goof off. This nut we call a Square gets all choked up when he hears children singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." He even believes in God ... and says so ... in public. Some of the old Squares were Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, George Washington, Ben Franklin ... Some of the new Squares are John Glenn, Neil Armstrong, Steven Spielberg, Jimmy Carter, Colin Powell. John Glenn says he gets a funny feeling down inside when he sees a flag go by ... says he's proud that he belonged to the Boy Scouts and the Y.M.C.A.

How Square can you get?

A Square is a guy who lives within his means whether the Joneses do or not, and thinks Uncle Sam should, too. He doesn't want to fly now and pay later. A Square is likely to save some of his money on a rainy day, rather than counting on using yours.

A Square gets his books out of the library instead of the Drug Store. He tells his son it's more important to play fair than win ... Imagine!!! A Square is a guy who reads the Bible when nobody's watching and pray's when nobody's listening ... a guy who thinks Christmas trees should be green ... Christmas gifts should be hand-picked. He wants to see America first in everything. He believes in honoring Mother and Father ... and do unto to others and that kind of stuff. He thinks all kids are good deep down.

So, will all you gooney birds answering this description please stand up ... you misfits in this brave new age ... you dismally disorganized, improperly apologetic ghosts of the past ... stand up and be counted. You Squares who turn the wheels and dig the fields and move the mountains and put rivets in our dreams ... You Squares who dignify the Human Race ... You Squares who hold this thankless world in place.

Classmates, as you know I am a Square and proud to be one. In this new world of post high school that we, the Class of 1997, face, being a square from a steel mill town gives us a good foundation. It means we will do what is right, not just what is popular. It gives us the courage to think for ourselves. It makes us look at our past to build on our future. And, so, friends I leave you with that thought — think for yourselves, do what you want to do, the world is out there for you to explore. Thank you and good luck.

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OUR ETERNAL FLAME

Ladies and Gentlemen, Class of 1997, I am truly honored to stand in front of you on this special occasion. I want to first give thanks to God for giving me the patience, strength, and determination to achieve my goals. Without Him, I would not be standing here tonight. I also want to thank my mother, father, brothers, sisters, relatives, and of course, all of my friends. You know who you are ... Thank you for believing in me.

Tonight, as I gaze into this magical sea of black and red, I stand in complete awe of the students standing before me. For twelve tedious years, each of you has worked toward this one important day ... Our high school graduation. Now that the day has arrived, it becomes far too easy for you to take that diploma and forget the importance of your high school years.

Have you ever sat and watched a fire burning? I mean really sat and watched it. Have you ever noticed how, at first, the fire is only a tiny spark. However, after the oxygen begins to feed the hungry flames, the fire begins to grow and change. Graduating seniors, each of you are flames of your own fire.

When we were timid freshmen, our flames had only begun to mature. With a desire for success and a yearning, we began to feed our fires. An individual once concluded, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." Could any statement hold anymore truth?

With your diploma in hand, walk off this stage satisfied But do not forget where you came from. Granite City may not be a town of glamour, but it is a place that we all should be honored to call home. Though the air might not be the cleanest and there is not much to do on the weekends our hometown is unlike any other. Granite City has some of the friendliest I have ever met. Wherever you go - to the store, to the park, or just in your front yard - there are warm smiles to greet you. There are not too many places today that can boast that kind of hospitality. Give back to Granite City. Only then can it continue to enrich the lives of future students.

Four years ago, we had no idea who we were or whom we would become. We were scared to be individuals and found comfort in the conformity of the high school halls. We longed for freedom, but did not know how or when we would achieve it. Now, here we are, tasting freedom for the very first time. With just one piece of parchment, we are released from our juvenile ways and asked to become a player in the game of life. So class of 1997, I ask you one simple question, "Who are you?" Or more importantly, "Who will you become?"

Each of you is an architect: You have each built a solid foundation of morals and values. Each year that you have gone to school, you have added another floor of wisdom and knowledge to your mind.

Every one of you is a sculptor: You have each shaped and molded a personality and philosophy according to the clay of right and wrong and learned to live wisely.

You are all painters: With each new idea you express, you paint a new hue in the world's multitude of colors - proving to all that you are truly an individual.

All of you are doctors: You heal those who turn to you for consultation and advice, and bring smiles to those in pain.

Every one of you is a lawyer: You are not afraid to stand up for the inevitable and basic rights of yourself and others. You refuse to sit back and watch those you love suffer with injustice.

We are all baseball players: Given a bat of courage, a glove of patience, and a helmet of knowledge, we are ready to go to bat ... ready to hit a home run.

Each of you is a teacher: By your example others learn the importance of determination, dedication, and hard work. You touch the lives of those thirsting for knowledge.

You are all jury members: Judging others and their situations only after you have heard the entire story.

All of you are bankers: Others share their trust and values with you and never lose interest.

Every one of you is a hockey player: watching out for those who try to block your goal.

Each of you is a mountain climber: slowly but surely you are making your way to the top.

Though you may not realize it, graduates, you are all millionaires: rich in love, sincerity, and compassion, you all own a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and experience.

Isn't it amazing who we all are? Stand tall - be proud! Look at what you have accomplished. So what if you didn't make straight A's or even straight B's. You have achieved an honor that will change your life forever. Class of 1997, you have made Granite City High School extremely proud.

Somewhere along your twelve years of schooling, an individual lit your fire. Maybe they did it with a smile, or maybe they believed in you when everyone else laughed. But each of you, whether you want to admit it or not, are allowing your fire to burn brighter. As your flames grown and mature, allow them to create light for those who have lost their way. When you find people who are sad, lift them up. Treat others the way that God would want us to treat them.

So now I leave you with this simple request - As you go out into the world, INSPIRE PEOPLE. Inspiration heals wounds and nurtures the soul. If you think inspiration is meaningless, look back on all the times in your life where someone inspired you. Believe me, by lifting others up you only bring yourself closer to success and to God.

I wish you good luck in the future in whatever you decide to do. Continue to believe in yourself. After all, you are the only person who you will never leave or lose. As a wise young man once told me, "Don't take life too seriously; you will not ever make it out alive anyway." Congratulations for all that you have achieved and will achieve. With your flames, the future looks bright. Set your souls on fire. Continue to emit love, patience, and wisdom so that we, the Class of 1997, truly blaze with eternal flames. Thank you and God bless you.

AMANDA SOLOMON/CO-VALEDICTORIAN

YEARBOOK

ROW 1: Chris Sumpter. ROW 2: Katie Cooper & Kristen Ely. ROW 3: Traci Manis, Madrigal Vorce, & Kim Greer. ROW 4: Dimana Spudich & Christine Spudich.

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Yearbook advisor D P Spudich. Christine and Dimana

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER YEARBOOK

The yearbook editor for this year was Kathryn Cooper. Senior members included Kimberly Greer, Joseph Herman, Traci Manis, and Christopher Sumpter. Juniors on the staff were Kristen Ely, Christine Spudich, Dimana Spudich, and Madrigal Vorce. Christopher Markovich and Rory Sawyer joined us for one semester. Conflicts in scheduling did not allow them to participate in the yearbook class for the entire year. Christopher was assisted by his aide Vicki Drennan, and Rory received help with his assignments from his aide, Donna Jones.

What started out as a few vague ideas, suggestions, and thoughts soon developed in this 364-page book. The months of interviewing people, getting quotes from students who had nothing to say, writing stories, preparing layouts, taking photographs, and endless editing hours finally paid off for the staff. They did this with the realization that this yearbook would rank as one of the finest in the state of Illinois.

The September ideas became the completed objectives by March. The book was finished: the school year came to a close: and another decade will soon be over.

But, endings leave memories. Endings provide us with the opportunity to look back and reflect on what has happened. With this yearbook, we preserve events and activities as they were. We will open the pages of this book hundreds of times for various reasons. Each time we will see something different. Each time we will re-live the days we thought were forgotten.

In the end, we'll remember the good times and always be proud that we were once a student at this school. Always remember that no matter where you're from or where you're going, this Warrior yearbook reflects a part of you. See you next year with some new faces and new ideas.

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1. The staff ponders over one of those important yearbook decisions. 2. Kim Greer wonders if the yearbook will ever be completed. 3. Katie Cooper works on her envelope stuffing technique. 4. Kristen, Traci, Chris, Joe, and Katie show what a balancing act it is when they have to distribute their time between school, social life, and yearbook. 5. Madrigal Vorce, the yearbook staff chalkboard historian. 6. Katie Cooper and Joe Herman debate over whose layout is more creative. 7. Christine and Dimana Spudich work twice as hard as anyone else, and usually put in double time. 8. On the way out of Willie C's Cafe, some of the staff members stop to be photographed next to the armadillo policeman. 9. Jane Signall and Traci Manis were really excited about riding the elevator with Oakland Raider's Chad Lovett. 10. Jane Signall attempts to rescue Ricky Nelsons' sons, the Nelson Brothers, from the soapy depths of the dishwasher. 11. Jeff George, the Oakland Raider quarterback, was delighted to spend some time with Emily Vaughn, Jane Signall, Dimana Spudich, Christine Spudich, and Traci Manis.

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KATHRYN LYNN COOPER

THANK

I, KATHRYN COOPER, would like to thank many people for the success of this year. To my parents and M.B., thank you for always being there and supporting me no matter what happened. To Mrs. Spudich, these two years in yearbook have been quite an experience. Thank you for being there anytime I had a question or needed to complain about someone. Also, thank you for not treating me like I had the plague. To Traci, thanks for always staying after school with me and always being there when I needed to cry or be angry. You knew when I was angry because I always seemed you were getting angry at the same time. I hope you recover from your bout with the plague, and can regain some of the things you lost this year. To Madrigal, I has been quite a strange trip getting to know you. Thank you for always providing drama to the yearbook room. Also, thank you for providing us with entertainment all the time, especially at Applebee's. I apologize for ever having called you Magical Force. Remember your cheese. To Amy, Emily, and Jane, sorry our time in yearbook together was not longer. It would have been nice to finish the year with you here. Emily, thanks for always checking stories with me. Jane, I hope the Nelson backpack will always bring you good luck. Amy, I'm sorry we did not get another under-the-table picture, we couldn't persuade her like you could. To Christine and Dimina, thank you for being so nice and wonderful all the time. You both provided a calming influence in the room. To Joe and Chris, thank you for always giving us something to laugh at. I hope your future careers in the Secret Service work out for the both of you. Kristen, thanks for everything you've done this year. You have really been a big help. I really think you, Traci, Chris and I should think of starting an Oldies band. To Kim, what can I say? Seriously, thanks for all of the work you've done for the yearbook this year. To Vicki, Brennan and Donna Jones, you have been a big help this year. Thank you very much. Finally, to Lifetouch for making everything so much easier this year.

I, KIMBERLY GREER, would like to begin by thanking Mrs. Spudich for being understanding, and Room 180 is for Elvis Fans only. To Kristen thanks for being my partner in crime and posing with those really big, professional Kansas City and Oakland football players with me in pictures: what team was that again? To Joe thanks for being a wonderful guy. Without you I would have fallen apart during our trial, let alone danced with Graham, thank you. Even if we have to take the quarter bus, we will leave the park on a bus. PEZ are for kids not animals. To Chris, a.k.a. Sump Pump, have a great time in New Orleans and Bourbon Street. Thanks for sharing your seat with me, mommie still loves us. Chris, Kristen and I award you with the 'beef cake' award for the 1997-98 yearbook staff. Don't worry Joe. We just thought Chris had bigger muscles. Chris be careful with your big blue bike; riding it hotels can lead to trouble. To both boys. To Christine and Dimana or should it be Dimana and Christine, thank you for being the funniest two people I know. Winnie the Pooh is cooler than Piglet. Piglet is Winnie's sidekick. Where are those flowers? Try the dumpsters. To Traci you are definitely not crazy. If you are ever stuck in the front lot needing a ride to the building to avoid the wet grass and you grab a sign, then you may be crazy. To Amy thanks for filling me in on all the gossip. To Jane thanks for treating Scott so well. Elvis is alive, but he has left the building. To Rory and Chris thanks for being great guys, good luck. To all that have left us, I wish you were here. To Mrs. Spudich thanks for your support and encouragement. I have some advice for you: some may stretch the truth a little, but others make poor judgements and stretch it to its limits. This may be advice, but I strongly encourage you to follow it since I am older and wiser. To all juniors good luck next year and whatever you do don't do anything that the seniors did. Have a great senior year, try not to drive Mrs. Spudich "Mommie" crazy.

I, TRACI MANIS, would like to thank many people for making this year so memorable. Thank you, Mrs. Spudich, for forgiving me for all of my mistakes. You are the best! Chris and Joe, you guys always make me laugh. I hope one of these days you will have a house full of boys, pet dingoes, and Dr. Pepper bottles, and be buddies with the original Blues Brothers. Kim, thanks for keeping things in tact when things were crazy. One of these days, Fred Astaire will sweep you off your feet. Christine and Dimana, one day I'll be able to tell the difference. You girls are the most wholesome people on the yearbook staff, stay that way always. Take good care of your mommy, she's a nice lady. Madrigal (a.k.a. Maddy Buch) thanks for the scoop and lots of laughs. You are the Drama Queen. Kristen, have a fun senior year, but keep out of trouble. I am so glad we have become friends. To Jane, always cherish the time you spent with the Nelson Brothers and watch your step as you get on all vans. Emily, I hope one of these days your poetry will be published, no really, move on with your life and put all your worries behind you. Chris and Rory, thanks for the help. Miss Kid Cooper, I will miss you the most. We had our fair share of exciting times. Thank God it's all over, or at least I think it is. When you make a decision, think about goals, choices, and consequences. Also, don't forget to use caulk when filling in cracks. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me through thick and thin. I love you both! Finally, I would like to thank my best pals. Mellissa Nelson, Sarah Fielding, Becky Gehling, and Teresa Lynn, you were all great supports, every year you have a date for Mardi Gras with me, now. Jill Ponder, the girl with the incredibly MAGIC TOE, what can I say, you are like a sister to me. I couldn't have made it this year without you. Schemeel-Schmazle, Ladi-Dadi, and many more. To everyone I know, I hope I have made your life a little richer and your days a little happier. I will miss everyone!

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I, JOSEPH STEVEN HERMAN, the first and only at the present time, would like to thank many people for making this senior year like Crambe repetita. Now, let us begin. I'd like to thank the Jostens representative for giving us a nice tour. Also, thanks to agent W for warning Jake and I in time to escape. Thanks to Emily for the sock (I'd be lost without you), Katie for the opportunity to think of titles, Traci for the ride in your car, Amy for buying pizzas, and Jane for the lovely yearbook music. To Jake, thanks for the chance to help push a Geo Metro out a ditch, for the reinforcement on operation maidsinthetree, and for countless other FUN times. Thanks to Kim for not stepping on my toes too much. Thanks also for being such a great friend and for all the fun this year; you're the best. Thanks to Kristen for helping me perfect my ice skating skills and for also being a great friend. To Colin, this is just to say: vanilla ice, 62. Us GQ models have to stick together. Thank you maids for the decorative minta. Thanks to Mrs. Spudich for being our mom. Thanks to the whole yearbook staff for being like a family to me (sob sob, cry cry). Thanks to George H. Ryan for protecting me on the road and in the school parking lot. To the yearbook staff next year, good luck, have fun, and work hard. Remember this and live by it: Qui me amat, amet et canem meam.

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